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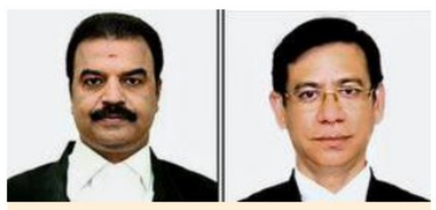

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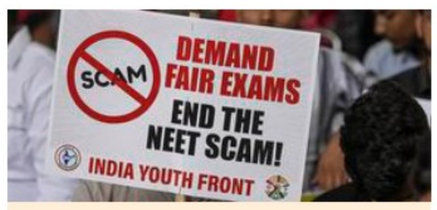

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Four soldiers, policeman killed in Doda encounter

The counter-terrorist operation in Jammu was continuing when last reports came in; Defence Minister Rajnath Singh speaks to Army chief; 12 to 14 terrorists are estimated to be in the area

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Four Army personnel, including a Captain, and a Jammu and Kashmir policeman were killed in a counter-terrorist operation at Doda in Jammu that began on Monday night and was continuing late on Tuesday night. Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi briefed Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on the situation on the ground on Tuesday morning.

The Army personnel who were killed have been identified as Captain Brijesh Thapa, Naik D. Rajesh, Sepoy Bijendra, and Sepoy Ajay. This was the latest in a series of militant attacks over the past few months in Jammu and Kashmir, with terrorist activity particularly shifting to the Jammu region, which has resulted in significant casualties among civilians and security forces.

Army jawans stand guard at Lal Draman in Doda district near the site of a gun battle, on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"The Minister was apprised of the ground situation and the ongoing counter terrorist operation in Doda by the Army chief," Mr. Singh's office said in a post on X. "Indian Army stands firm with the bereaved families in this hour of grief," the Army said in its own post.

Infiltrators in Doda

"Indian Army has been conducting a series of joint and coordinated operations with the police to eliminate foreign terrorists who have infiltrated and are moving in the upper reaches of Udhampur, Doda, Kishtwar and Bhaderwah areas and thereafter to Kashmir Valley," the Army's Jammu spokesperson, Lt. Col. Suneel Bartwal, said on Tuesday.

Twelve to 14 terrorists were estimated to be in the Doda area, split into three groups, defence sources said.

Based on intelligence inputs, the Army and Jammu & Kashmir Police launched a joint operation in the Urarbaggi area, about 10 km north of Doda.

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1.5 tmcft of water flowing to T.N. daily: Shivakumar

BENGALURU
Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Major and Medium Irrigation D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday informed the Legislative Assembly that 1.5 tmcft of water is flowing daily to Biligundlu reservoir on the border of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu owing to good rain in the State. Providing details of the flow of water to Tamil Nadu, he said 6 tmcft of water had already flowed to Biligundlu as against the specification of 40 tmcft. » PAGE 6

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Seven killed in landslips in Uttara Kannada district

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Torrential rain led to landslips at various places in Uttara Kannada district on Tuesday, leading to the death of seven people, severed road connectivity, inundation, and damage to properties.

Two rescue teams of NDRF recovered six bodies, including five of a family, near the site. They fear some more people might be buried. The rescue and relief operation is underway, with heavy earth-moving machinery.

The deceased are Laxman Nayak, 47, his wife Shanti, 36, son Roshan, 11, daughter Avantika, 6, and a relative Upendra, 50. Mr. Laxman ran a petty shop at the site. The identity of another person is yet to be ascertained. The landslip near Shirur pushed an LPG tanker into the Gangavali river, leading to fear of gas leakage. People residing in the locality were shifted to safer places.

NH 66 was blocked near Shirur in Ankola taluk of Uttara Kannada district following a landslip on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

National Highway 66 and a few other roads are blocked. Deputy Commissioner of Uttara Kannada Lakshmi Priya said a man was buried alive in Karwar taluk. She said 2,368 people from low-lying and rain-affected areas were shifted to 26 rehabilitation centres, and tahsildars directed to set up some more centres if required.

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Bill mandates 50% quota for locals in management positions in State

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet has cleared a Bill mandating that industries, factories and other establishments appoint local candidates in 50% of management positions and 75% in non-management positions.

The Karnataka State Employment of Local Candidates in the Industries, Factories and Other Establishments Bill, 2024, was cleared in the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on July 15. It is expected to be tabled in the ongoing legislature session.

Legislative route: The Bill cleared by the Siddaramaiah Cabinet is expected to be tabled in the Assembly in the ongoing session. PTI

The Act defines a local candidate as a person "who is born in the State of Karnataka and who is domiciled in the State for a period of 15 years and who is capable of speaking, reading and writing Kannada in a legible way and has passed a required test conducted by the nodal agency".

Under the Act, candidates must have a secondary school certificate with Kannada as a language. If not, they should pass a Kannada proficiency test, as specified by the nodal agency notified by the government.

If qualified or suitable local candidates are not available, the industries and establishments, in collaboration with the government, should take steps to train local candidates within three years.

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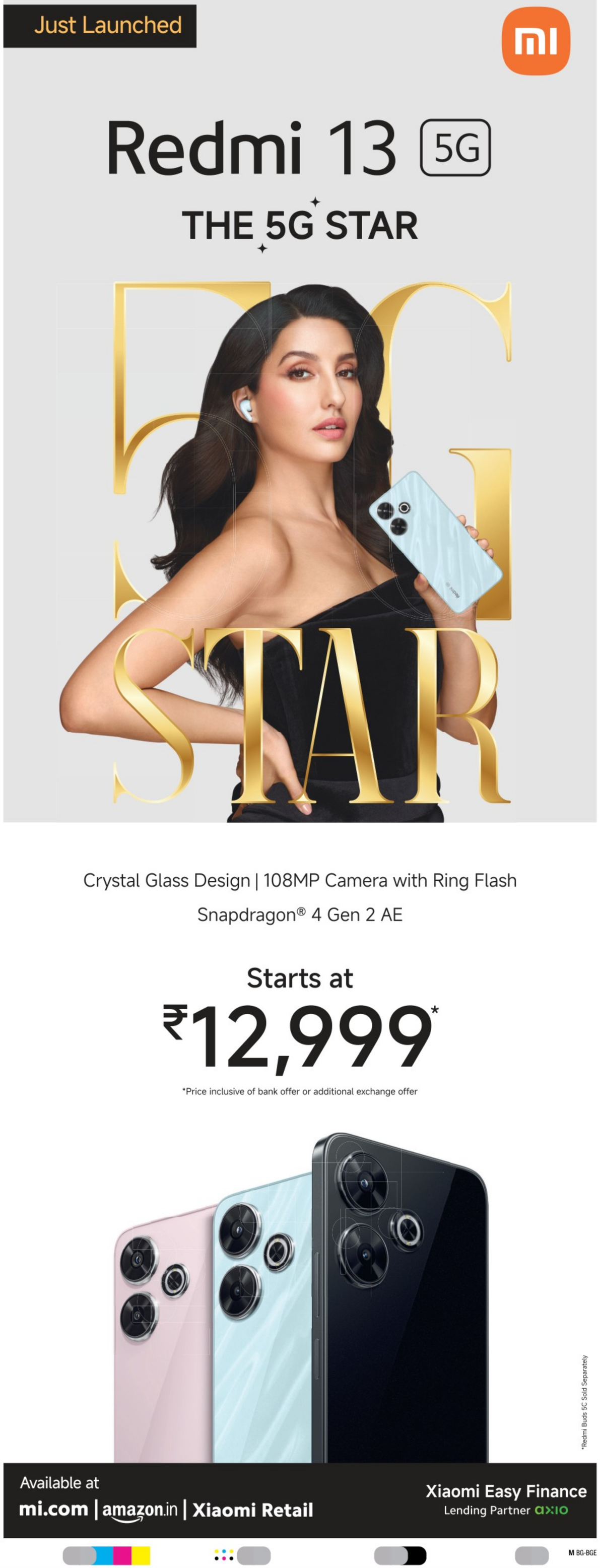

Shades of Shafali — how the Haryana rockstar manages to stay authentic

The 20-year-old announced her arrival on the international stage with a brand of 'unbothered' cricket; opponents, time and responsibility have taught her to care as evidenced by how her game has evolved

SPORTZPICS/BCCI

Lavanya Lakshminarayanan
CHENNAI

It's hard to remember sometimes that Shafali Verma is just 20 years old. It feels like she's been around forever.

Since her debut in 2019, Shafali has built on an image of a trigger-happy six hitter, opening the innings with a starkly opposite Smriti Mandhana, known more for her orthodox and elegant stroke play.

Much has changed about this Rohtak-born batter in her nascent career. She has learnt to expand her striking arc, worked on running between the wickets and a nagging weakness for the short ball, and even her hairstyles. But what hasn't, is that quintessential Haryanvi swagger.

Her unfiltered quality is something broadcasters and reporters love her for. You can dish out a great copy if she comes for a press conference.

In Chennai, after she slashed a double ton, a 197-ball 205 - the fastest double century in women's Tests - broadcasters pointed out that she had fallen nine runs short of Mithali Raj's 214, the highest individual score by an Indian woman in the format.

"*Pata hota toh upar jaati thoda sa* (If I had known, I would have gone past it a bit)," Shafali said with a straight face. Smriti, who was standing beside her, burst into laughter. As superstar athletes, one is expected to 'behave,' to be measured with one's words. That's not Shafali and thank God for that.

Patience in aggression

Shafali's innings in Chennai was unlike what the nation has seen her do over the years. While her trademark onside play was there for all to see, she consciously attempted straighter shots and widened her arc to access cover and mid-off with greater frequency. She showed maturity to let the troublesome, drifting balls be and give each delivery and the bowler the respect they deserved.

Of course, there is the asterisk of going up against the weakened bowling unit of South Africa that was without the services of Marizanne Kapp.

"I think it's remarkable, the kind of restraint we saw from Shafali in this innings," former India cricketer and selector Hemlatha Kala tells *The Hindu*.

"These girls play T20 and 50-over cricket more and get an odd multi-day game here and there. To be able to show that mentality shift and patience to grind it out is by itself a big thing. She was able to leave the balls that didn't have runs in them."

"Even at the U-23 level, Shafali used to score upwards of 150, much like Virender Sehwag. If we had tried to curtail Viru, our cricket history would have been very different. Her game is to give teams an advantage in the PowerPlay and aggression fits into that role quite perfectly. If not, we would have seen that 200 maybe in 300 balls rather than 197 balls," Hemlatha, who is part of the Delhi Capitals coaching unit in the Women's Premier League (WPL), says.

When Shafali wowed crowds in Chennai with her hybrid hitting style, her academy coach Ashwani Kumar – who trains budding cricketers at the Shri Ram Narain Cricket Club in Rohtak – was on a holiday in Leh and Ladakh. It took an ecstatic call from Shafali's father for him to catch up with his ward's exploits.

"Shafali came to me at the age of 11-12. She was innocent but very unbothered about things in life. No fear, no nervousness," Ashwani tells *The Hindu*.

"She was very brave. She showed no hesitation in going up against the senior girls in the camp. In no time, we started training her with U-19 boys and she enjoyed that. She has a very carefree style of play and likes hitting big," he remembers

Ashwani is a former Ranji player and, naturally, Tests are sacrosanct. Seeing his student succeed in that format brings him great joy. Ever since she made her Test debut against England in 2021, Shafali - who for long has struggled to convert her T20 heroics to the ODI game - found solace in the relative infinity of Tests, with three fifties and a double ton under her belt in just five matches.

Her dismissal on 96 in that Bristol game is fresh in Ashwani's mind.

"She must have thought that she'll get to the milestone with a boundary or a six the way Sehwag has always done.ODI and T20 games have squads that go in with depth in batting or at least have all-rounders who can see the innings to completion. But it doesn't work in Tests. Batters have to bat long, fight opposition, conditions and their own itches to score to stay in the middle. It's easy to forget that demand of the format when the diet today is primarily of limited-overs cricket," he says.

That dismissal, an attempted glory shot which saw her slice to mid-off only hole out to Anya Shrubsole off Kate Cross' bowling, was fresh for Shafali too.

"Who forgets getting out for 96?" she smirked as she dissected her feat for reporters in Chennai.

"Today, when I was on 96, it took me back to Bristol. All I thought was about somehow scoring those four runs and getting past 100. Around my double century, thank god the off-spinners came on. I thought, *ab maza hai* (now this is fun) as I could get to my 200 in fewer deliveries," she had said then.

Former India captain Mithali Raj, the first Indian double centurion in women's Tests, was keeping tabs on the youngster's exploits while saddling commentary duties for the Men's T20 World Cup.

Her first memory of the explosive opener is from the domestic scene many moons ago.

"She got a 50+ score against Railways in Vijayawada many years back. There were very few players, in the domestic setup at least, who posed a challenge to the Indian Railways bowling attack at that point of time," Mithali tells *The Hindu*.

"She was a bit one-dimensional back then. She would score primarily on the onside. But she had raw power for a youngster."

The pair shared a dressing room for Velocity in the Women's T20 Challenge – the exhibition tournament that preceded the WPL – before becoming India teammates.

"In one season, there was a conversation with the coach about maybe benching her for the final because she needed improvement on the field. When the ball was travelling next to her, she wouldn't even bend. At the time, I remember saying that if she gives us a head start, then I can manage around the field," Mithali says..

"We've never had an opener like that ever in the Indian team or the Railways. As a captain, I just wanted to see how you know a quick start would help the team especially in the T20 format. That's why she made her debut in the T20s first and then the ODIs later."

Reality check

Shafali's popularity hit a new high during the 2020 T20 World Cup in Australia. The team cruised into the final courtesy some sublime batting from the youngster - just 14 T20Is old before heading into the event - eager to leave her mark on the world's biggest stage.

With more than 86,000 people at the MCG for the final between India and Australia, the stadium became a colosseum with a star waiting to be born, the legitimacy of silverware behind her.

However, it wasn't to be. Shafali buckled. India buckled and the youngster, then only 16 years of age, was inconsolable.

"Sachin Tendulkar famously said that nervous energy draws performances out of you," Ashwani points out.

"When things are good, all is well, but in the bad phases, it's your confidence that can carry you through.That comes from caring about your game and thinking about how you can improve. *Befikri nahin fikr se aati hai* (it comes from caring, not from being carefree)."

"That T20 World Cup in 2020 was maybe the one time I saw her sink into a shell a bit. At the Haryana Cricket Association, Anirudh Chaudhary (a BCCI office bearer and key member of the state association) brought a sports psychologist to work with Shafali and help her get out of that phase."

"That experience was important. She needed to realise how important she is to the team and the responsibilities that are there on her shoulders."

Grounding

More international cricket, the support of a calming influence like Smriti at the other end when on national duty and brushing shoulders with international stars in the WPL has allowed Shafali the privilege of perspective.

After the T20I series where Shafali and Smriti seamlessly took the Protean attack to the cleaners, Smriti broke down their partnership in simple terms.

"I think with Shifu, the best she bats is when she doesn't think a lot. You don't give a batter a lot of information. The only conversation from the non-striker end is when she tries to hurry up stuff, I just say, stay."

Shafali had a similar grounding presence in Meg Lanning - the most decorated captain in the history of the game – during the WPL. Better communication, purposeful running and better game presence were areas of learning for the youngster.

In a world where videos of your best and worst innings are everywhere, a more self-aware Shafali is the need of the hour for India, with two World Cups coming up in subcontinent conditions.

"A lot of people, a lot of coaches talk about natural game, but what does that mean?" Mithali asks.

"As a middle-order batter, I had time to come in and read the situation and react. But Shafali plays as an opener. She has to create the situation. It can't always be about that one aspect - natural game."

While her explosive form bodes well for India in Bangladesh, the bigger picture will be the work she has to put on ahead of the 50-over World event in India next year. The faith shown in her by the team and the wise voices she has around her might be able to help her out of her ODI funk. This resilient Test 200 too, one she holds high in her top career memories, could be fuel when the going gets tough.

"It comes down to being comfortable and prepared in the role given to you. She's opening, sent out to maximise the PowerPlay. Aggression is necessary. There are things she can improve on like her shot selection which can add layers to her game," Hemlatha points out.

"Alyssa Healy is quite similar. She might have poor scores in six out of 10 games, but the four games she fires in, Australia wins because of what she brings to the table. Shafali is cut from the same cloth."

THE GIST

- Shafali is the second Indian to slam a double century in women's Tests after Mithali Raj (214 against England in Taunton, 2002)
- She is the first woman to score 200-plus runs in a day in Tests
- Shafali took 194 balls to reach her double hundred, making it the fastest in women's Tests and bettering Annabel Sutherland's 248-ball double ton against South Africa in Perth earlier this year
- Her haul of eight sixes in the knock of 205 is more than any other player has in their entire career in women's Tests
- Shafali has featured in 76 T20Is, 26 ODIs and five Tests for India. She has 1748 runs in the shortest format of the game with five fifties
- She will hope to make the most of the opportunities in the Asia Cup to complete her preparation for the upcoming T20 World Cup

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Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of queries is **23.07.2024** upto **5:30 p.m.** in the office of the Executive Engineer, Project Central-1, BBMP. **(2)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **26.07.2024** at **4:00 p.m**. in the Office of the Chief Engineer (Project Central). **(3)** Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **5:30 p.m.** on **30.07.2024** and the opening of tenders will be as per the KPP portal guidelines. **(4)** Technical bids will be opened on the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** in the office of the Executive Engineer - Project Central-1, BBMP on **31.07.2024** at **5:30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Project Central-1, BBMP

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(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು **kppp.karnatata.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16/07/2024 ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ್ದು, ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು/ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. (2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ Pre bidding Meeting **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26/07/2024 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆ** (3) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31/07/2024 ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ: 4.00 ಗಂಟೆ** (4) ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **05/08/2024 ಪೂರ್ವಾಹ್ನ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆ.** (5) ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ತೆರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಪಾವತಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ GST ಯನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿದ ದರವನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸುವುದು. (6) ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಅಥವಾ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಲ್ಲಿನ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊರಿಜೆಂಡಮ್ /ಅಡೆಂಡಮ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. (6) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.putturcity.mrc.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ನಗರಸಭೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿಭಾಗವನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-, ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
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ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು: (1) RWSSD/2024-25/WT/WORK_INDENT8117

(1) Downloading of document through e-proc portal: **16.07.2024 to 23.07.2024 up to 16.30 Hrs.** (2) Time & date of Pre-Bid Conference: **19.07.2024 Time : 11.30 Hrs.** Venue: O/o. Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Po: Habbuwada, Karwar- Uttara Kannada Dist. (3) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **23.07.2024 Time : 16.30 Hrs.** (4) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **24.07.2024 Time : 17:00 Hrs.** (5) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: Will be informed technically qualified bidders after approval of Technical Bid.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
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DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/151/24-25 dt.15.07.2024

(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Madhugiri
No:EE/PWD/Dvn/AE-1/Tender/2024-25 Dated: 11.07.2024

Invitation For Tender
Tender ref no: 05/2024-25

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers, for the works. Total 04 Works (Sira Taluk) Approx. amount for the work is Rs.95.00 Lakhs. Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPPP portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://KPPP.gov.in.Tenders must be submitted through KPPP portal on or before 29.07.2024 (up to 4.00 pm), Technical bids will be opened on 30.07.2024 after 4.15 Pm, Financial bid will be opened on 03.08.2024 after 4.15 Pm. Further any other information can be seen from the KPPP portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Madhugiri

DIPR/TUM/152/KSMCA/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to purchase from Mrs. Bharathi, wife of late Mr. Dinesh Ganesh D, son of late Mr. Dinesh, Harsha D, son of late Mr. Dinesh, Mr. Chethan K. G., son of Mr. Gopal Reddy, Mr. Gopala Reddy, son of late Mr. Munishami Reddy and M/S MPN Builders Private Limited, the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder. Any person having any claims in the property or objections to the intended purchase, may contact the undersigned together with documents supporting such claim/objection within 10 days hereof, failing which my client will proceed with the purchase treating such claims / objections as waived.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land (vide ALN (A)(S) SR: 228/2013-14 dated 24-02-2014 of Khata No. 447/44, bearing PID No. 150200100100920010) measuring Ac. 02-25.08 Gts. along with unfinished building constructed thereupon, comprised in Sy. No. (Old 44) new subdivided Sy. No. 44/1, carved out of Ac. 05-11 Gts., of Kada Agrahara Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, bounded on the:

East by : Property of Srinivasa Reddy and Jayarama Reddy (Remaining Property in Sy. No. 44);
West by : Property belonging to Krishna Reddy, in Sy. Nos. 42 and 43);
North by : Existing Road; and
South by : Property of Dodda Ajjappanavara Nanjunda Reddy in Sy. No. 43.

S. Bharath and Jagadeesha Nayka
Advocates, E-59, 5th A-Cross, 1st Main Rd,
Manyata Residency, Manyata TechPark,
Nagavara, Bengaluru - 560 045
Mobile No: 96770 47708

Place: Bangalore
Date: 16-07-2024

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Civil Engineering Department, Central Office, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560027.

No.BMTC/CO/CE/EE/577/2024-25 Dated: 15.07.2024

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 05 & 06 /2024-25

Tenders are invited for the works of **1)"Arranging 2400 KVA HT Power Supply for Electrical Vehicle Charging Station at BMTC Depot-13, Katriguppe, Bangalore" -** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 140.00 Lakhs** and EMD: **Rs. 2,10,000/-, 2) "Construction of Ladies Crew Rest Room at Depot-08, Yeshwantapura, Bengaluru" -** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 40.00 Lakhs** and EMD: **Rs. 80,000/-, 3) "Construction of Ladies Crew Rest Room at Depot-10, Hennuru, Bengaluru" -** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 40.00 Lakhs** and EMD: **Rs. 80,000/-, 4) "Providing Barbed wire fencing to Vacant Land at Dombarahally, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru" -** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 14.45 Lakhs** and EMD: **Rs. 36,200/-, 5) "Providing Manpower for operation, servicing and maintainence of 150 KLD Sewage Treatment Plant at Shanthinagar TTMC (For a period of 12 Months)" -** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 6.10 Lakhs** and EMD: **Rs. 15,250/-** and **6) "Operation and maintainence of 25 KLD Sewage Treatment Plant at Bus station Hosakote, Bangalore (For a period of 12 Months)" -** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 3.30 Lakhs** and EMD: **Rs. 8,250/-.** Participating bidders will have to upload all information, documents and rates etc in e-procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only. Documents will not be accepted in person physically.

(1) For work in Sl.No.1- Last date for receipt of tenders: **24.07.2024,** Date of opening of tender: **26.07.2024.** (2) For works in Sl. No.2 to 6- Last date for receipt of tenders: **07.08.2024** Date of opening of tender: **09.08.2024.** (3) Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer during working hours or through website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BMTC.

Government of Karnataka
(Public Works Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD DIVISION BIDAR

No.: EE/PWD/DIVN/BDR/JE-5/2024-25/770 Date : 08-07-2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers under KKRDB Works for the year 2023-24 **Amount put to tender for the works are minimum Rs. 30.00 Lakhs and Maximum Rs. 415.54 Lakhs.**

Work_Indent No.	PWD/2024-25/RD/BD/OW/WORK_INDENT
(General 05)	7141/Call-3, 9989/call-3, 10946, 11093 and 11106
(SC Reserve 02)	10827/call-2 and 7714/Call-3
(ST Reserve 01)	10835/call-2

Tender documents may be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz. **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on **9-7-2024.** Tenders must be submitted through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal on or **before 16.00 hours on 23-07-2024.** Further any other information can be seen from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Note : Turn over certificate without UDI Number will not be considered.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
PWD Division, Bidar

DIRECTORATE OF MINORITIES
Maulana Azad Bhavan, No.16C, Miller Tank Bed Road, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru - 560 052.

No: DOM/DEVP/MAMS/Shoe/CR-06/2024-25 Date: 15.07.2024

Announcement of Short-Term Re-Tender

The short-term tender has been Re-invited by the Directorate of Minorities for supplying two pairs of shoes (one pair of white and one pair of black shoe to each student) to the students studying under Maulana Azad Model Schools managed by the Minority welfare department for the year 2024-25, Interested bidders can apply through online mode under e-procurement portal, Details are as below.

Sl. No.	No. of Details	Date/Time
1.	Date of Tender Publication	**16.07.2024.**
2.	Tender Amount:	**Rs. 429.37 Lakhs.**
3.	EMD Amount:	**Rs.6,44,060/-**
4.	Pre-bid meeting:	**19.07.2024, 11.30 a.m.**
5.	Last date and time for submission of tender:	**23.07.2024 by 5:30 p.m.**
6.	Date and time of Technical bid opening:	**25.07.2024 at 11:30 a.m.**
7.	Date and time of Financial bid opening:	**29.07.2024 at 11:30 a.m.**
8.	Place of tender opening and contact address:	Maulana Azad Bhawan, No.16C, Miller tank Bed Road, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru - 560052.
9.	Telephone No. to be contacted	**080-22535902/ 080-22535912.**

Other details can be obtained from the website of the Directorate of Minorities **https://dom.karnataka. gov.in** and e-Procurement website at **https://kppp. karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Director
Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/946/2024-25

INBRIEF

BMTC employee found dead

A 42-year-old assistant at the BMTC's recruitment section allegedly died by suicide inside a storeroom on the third floor of the BMTC building in Shanthinagar on Monday.

The police identified the deceased as Mahesh Ukkali, a resident of Kengeri. The incident came to light when Ukkali's family came looking for him at the office on Tuesday afternoon.When the BMTC officials checked the storeroom, the light was on, but it was locked from the inside. The staff broke open the lock and found Ukkali dead inside. The Wilson Garden police have filed an unnatural death report after taking a complaint from his wife.

(Those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph.: 104 for help)

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated July 17, we have a story on the health challenges faced by the public with a surge in dengue cases. From spraying and misting to holding online classes, RWAs and residents' collectives are doing their bit to spread awareness on controlling the spread of the vector-borne disease.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (July 17, Wednesday), the following articles are available:

- The problem with billionaire consumption **bit.ly/consumptionbillionexp**
- Glimpses of LUCA, the life-form from which all other life descended **bit.ly/lucasearch**

You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access these articles. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access an article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

In proposed ISWMS, four companies to handle end-to-end waste management

The proposed new system amounts to 'privatisation', say activists; Opposition says it 'reeks of corruption'

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

The State government has proposed a paradigm shift in the integrated solid waste management system (ISWMS) in the city, where collection, transportation, and processing of waste will be given to only four firms, who will also set up integrated SWM parks.

This proposal has already drawn the ire of many. While the Opposition has alleged "corruption" in the proposed new set up, the contractors, who are waiting for new tenders to be awarded for years now, have said they would take up a legal fight against the proposed new system.

However, sources in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) said no decision was taken on the proposal yet and the State Cabinet is yet to discuss the same. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is chairing a meeting on BBMP matters on Wednesday, where the issue is likely to come up.

Ever since the BBMP was formed, garbage tenders have been issued only twice: in 2007 and 2012. FILE PHOTO

Championed by Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar, ISWMS was announced in the 2024-25 State Budget as four mega waste processing parks in four corners of the city on 100-acre land parcels. The government has now identified these land parcels in Mandur; the existing Terra Firma waste processing unit near Gundlahalli, Doddaballapur; near Bidadi, and Gollahalli along NICE Road.

A report on the proposed ISWMS, prepared by a consultant, indicates that the State government and the BBMP will acquire these land parcels and help companies create waste processing infrastructure in them, sources said.

The companies that bag the tender will have the contract for 30 years and will be authorised to collect user fee from individual houses every month, sources said.

City BJP leader N.R. Ramesh has written an open letter to the Chief Minister on the issue on Tuesday urging him to scrap the proposal. In the letter, he has alleged that the consultant's report inflates costs: the collection and transportation charges of one tonne of waste will go up from the present ₹1,300 to ₹2,343, and the tipping fee from ₹260 to ₹650.

Meanwhile, many have argued that if the companies are to collect user fees from individual houses, this was essentially privatisation of the SWM in the city.

"While waste processing can be centralised, collection and transportation works best only when decentralised. These big four contractors will again sublet collection and transportation to the same existing contractors. The government will exit the space. Citizens will pay the companies. We don't know what the new parastatal Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd. (BSWML) will be doing," said V. Ramprasad, a SWM expert and activist.

Garbage contractor Balasubramanyam told *The Hindu* that the tenders for 89 packages were in the last stages of being awarded and the process has been on for over two years now, and they will not accept junking these tenders and handing over the city's SWM to just four firms.

"We will challenge it in court," he said. The contractors had a meeting senior BBMP officials on Tuesday evening.

'Too ad-hoc'

However, a senior city Minister said that the present system was "too ad-hoc" and the new proposed system could streamline the process and bring in more accountability. "Only a long-term contract will get firms to invest money, source cutting edge technologies," he said.

Ever since the BBMP was formed, garbage tenders have been issued only twice: in 2007 and 2012. Presently, BSWML is in the final stages of awarding fresh garbage tenders for collection and transportation in 89 packages, which will now be scrapped if the State government goes with the new system.

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BENGALURU

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RISE 15:08	SET 01:52
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RISE 16:06	SET 02:41
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RISE 06:02	SET 18:50
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Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C The weather will be comfortable with cloudy sky. Spell of light rain and thundershower with gusty winds may occur.

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HC grants bail to three more accused persons in Gauri Lankesh murder case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday granted bail to three more accused persons in the murder of editor-activist Gauri Lankesh, who was shot dead at her residence on September 5, 2017.

The court, in December 2023, had granted bail to another accused, Mohan Nayak N., who is arraigned as Accused Number 11, on the ground that the trial has been delayed for no fault of his and that it might not be completed any time soon.

Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty passed the order allowing the petitions filed by the three accused - Amit Digvekar (38), who is arraigned as Accused Number 5, Suresh H.L (40), Accused Number 7, and K.T. Naveen Kumar (43), Accused Number 17.

The three petitioners had sought bail on the same ground of delay in trial while relying on the reasons cited by the court in its judgement of granting bail to Nayak.

The petitioner-accused were charged with the offence of criminal conspiracy under the Indian Penal Code and also under the provisions of the Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act (KCOCA), 2000. Naveen's first bail bail petition was rejected by the court earlier. All three of them were arrested in 2018.

The High Court, while granting bail to Nayak in December 2023, had noted that only 90 of the 527 charge-sheet witnesses were examined in the past two years. However, now it was brought to the notice of the court by the advocates of these three accused-petitioners that only 130 witnesses have been examined so far of the total 527. Senior Advocate Aruna Shyam M., who represented accused Naveen, had relied on the recent judgement of the apex court, which has held that "if the state or any prosecuting agency, including the court concerned, has no wherewithal to provide or protect the fundamental right of an accused to have a speedy trial as enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution then the state or any other prosecuting agency should not oppose the plea for bail on the ground that the crime committed is serious."

Ex-BBMP contract employee held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Siddapura police have arrested a former BBMP contract employee and recovered 62 tablets worth ₹19 lakh from him, which he had allegedly stolen from the health centre storeroom this July 10. The accused was allegedly caught red-handed while selling the stolen tablets in front of a hotel in Jayanagar.

According to the police, the accused was hired on contract during the pandemic as a driver. During this time, the accused allegedly accessed the duplicate keys of the storeroom and stole the tablets meant for ASHAs for official work.

DKS admits to poor coordination among civic agencies causing infrastructure bottlenecks

The Hindu Bureau
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Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday admitted that a lack of coordination among civic agencies, such as BBMP, BDA, BWSSB and Bescom, is causing infrastructure and civic bottlenecks, and said he will hold a meeting with all legislators of Bengaluru on July 27 to discuss improving coordination among various agencies of Bengaluru for better governance.

In reply to a question by C.K Ramamurthy (BJP) and issues raised by Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok and senior member S. Suresh Kumar, Mr. Shivakumar said: "I agree with the concerns raised by the members that there is a lack of coordination among various agencies of Bengaluru. We have done a lot of work to improve the inter-agency coordination over the last one year, but I am not successful."

Issues of drinking water, solid waste management, traffic, streetlights, tax collection, and greenery will be discussed in a meeting with legislators of Bengaluru on July 27. FILE PHOTO

He said issues related to drinking water, solid waste management, traffic congestion, streetlights, tax collection, and greenery would be discussed in the meeting, he said.

Task force suggested

Mr. Suresh Kumar demanded the constitution of a task force at the Assembly constituency level for better coordination among the civic agencies. An umbrella organisation should be established at the city level as none of the agencies talk to each other to solve the problems, he said.

Mr. Ashok claimed discrimination against the BJP constituencies in the allocation of funds and said "Brand Bengaluru" would be sustained only by developing the entire city and not just constituencies represented by the Congress legislators.

Mr. Ramamurthy emphasised on the poor quality of roads filled with potholes which has claimed lives. He demanded asphalting of roads for the smooth flow of traffic.

Allocated for city

Mr. Shivakumar said ₹1,790 crore will be spent in the city for the development of infrastructure, including white-topping, integrated metro road flyover, underpasses, integrated road and rail flyover between 2023 and 2026. The State government and the BBMP will spend ₹3,450 crore between 2023 and 2026, he added.

Five booked for filing false complaint

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bellandur ATM theft case has taken a new turn as the police, during the course of investigation, found that five staff of the cash management company allegedly tried to mislead them and gave false complaints to take advantage of the situation.

Based on the investigation outcome, the police arrested Pratap, Field Operation Manager, Pawan Kalyan, ATM officer, Dharmendra, 52, Raghavendra, 36, Mahesh, 30, of Secure Value Co., and taken them into custody for further investigation.

The accused were supposed to fill the ₹16.5 lakh cash into the ATM, but found the ATM was breached and decided to pocket the money instead.

The police analysed the details of the movement of cash management staff and found they were lying to take undue advantage, a senior police officer, said.

The matter was brought to the notice of the City Police Commissioner, who directed them to book the accused under cheating, criminal breach and misleading police. Last Sunday, a gang barged into the ATM which did not have a security guard, sprayed paint on the CCTV camera and cut open the machine to steal cash.

'New houses must have space for parking'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A new parking policy will be formulated making mandatory parking space for vehicles while granting permission for construction of new houses in Bengaluru, Home Minister G. Parameshwara on Tuesday informed the Legislative Assembly.

In a reply to a question by S.R. Vishwanath, Dr. Parameshwara said many vehicle owners have been parking their vehicles on roads, streets, near metro rail stations, and public spaces, owing to a lack of parking space at their residences and the absence of a parking policy in BBMP limits. The BJP member demanded that authorities should resume towing vehicles, as many park their vehicles on roads and streets causing inconvenience to the movement of traffic.

The Home Minister said the issue will be discussed with the BBMP to ensure smooth flow of vehicles. There are 1,197 no-parking roads in the city. During this April-June, ₹5.97 crore fine was collected from vehicle owners for violating traffic rules.

Second airport will be within 50-70 km from city: M.B. Patil

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The proposed second airport in Bengaluru is expected to be located within 50 to 60 km from the city. Industries Minister M.B. Patil said that seven to eight locations, including Tumakuru Road, Mysuru Road, Kunigal Road and Kanakapura Road are being considered based on load factor and connectivity.

"The airport will be located considering the interest of Bengaluru and Karnataka. It will take about seven to eight years to complete land acquisition and the exclusivity provided to KIAL comes to an end in 2033. The location will be chosen on the basis of merit," he told Legislative Council.

Industries Minister M.B. Patil and Congress MLC K. Govindaraj in the Legislative Council on Tuesday. PTI

State govt. to honour organ donor families

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Health Department will honour the families of such donors during public celebrations. A circular was issued on Monday.

According to the circular, the family members of organ donors recorded by the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation will be recognised with a letter of appreciation by the district administration during public celebrations, Independence Day and Republic Day, every year.

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Glimpses of LUCA, the life-form from which all other life descended

As mysteries go, a close second to the origin of life is how life-forms started to evolve. Researchers believe bacteria, archaea, and eukarya all originated from the last universal common ancestor. There is no fossil evidence of its existence, but the fact that modern genomes share so many features provides some clues

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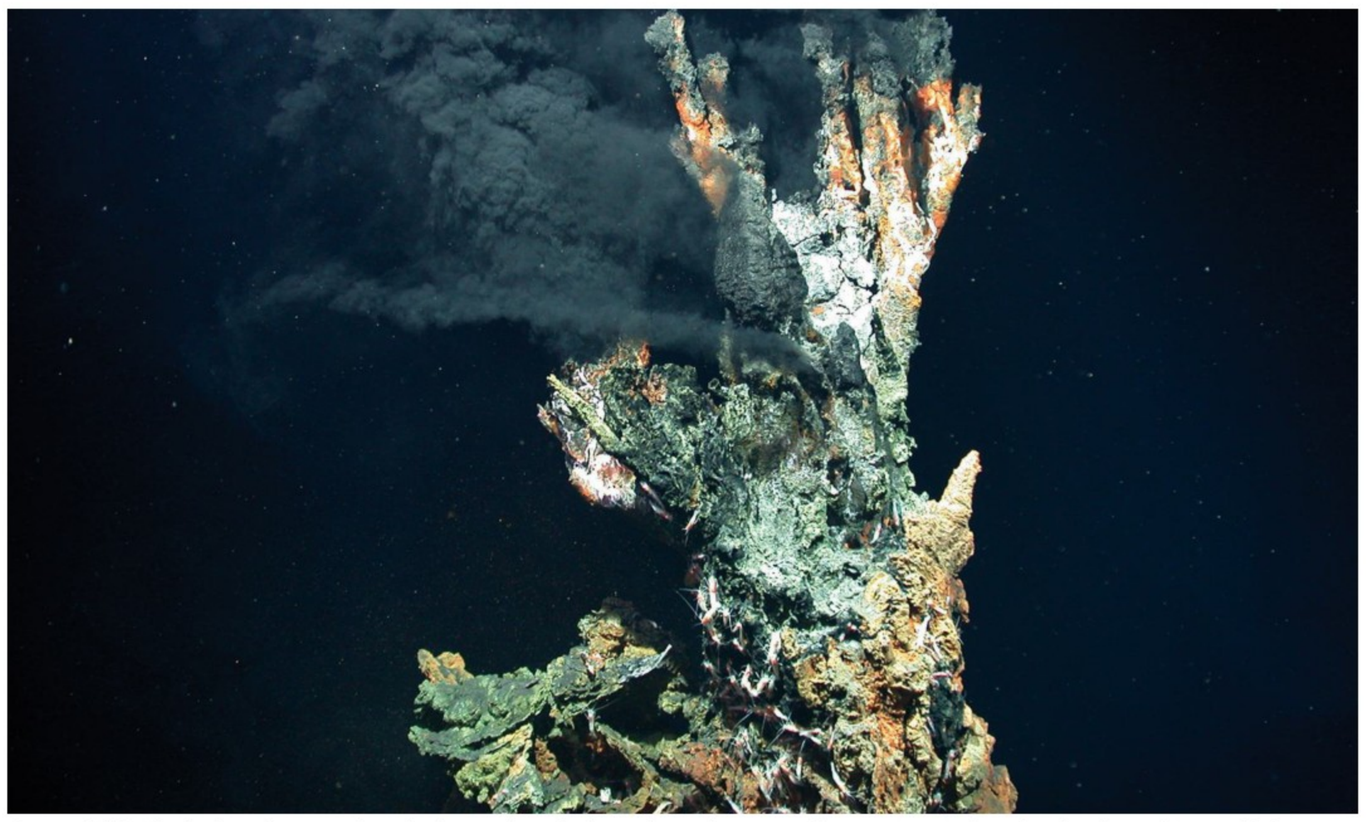

The 'Candelabra' hydrothermal vent on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, which is 3.3 km underwater. In the past, scientists have found evidence of ancient life forms in the precipitates around such vents. MARUM (CC BY 4.0)

The origin of life on earth is one of the world's most enduring mysteries. There are a number of competing theories, but all of them lack conclusive proof. Nonetheless, scientists widely believe a combination of geological, climatic, and chemical processes gave rise to the building blocks of life.

In the 1920s, Alexander Oparin and J. B. S. Haldane independently proposed their origin theories – the first of their kind. In 1924 and 1929, Oparin and Haldane, respectively, suggested the first molecules making up the earliest life forms gradually self-organised from a "primordial soup" in a young earth's tempestuous, prebiotic environment. This idea is today called the Oparin-Haldane hypothesis.

Researchers have also conducted biochemistry experiments and found evidence to support this hypothesis. A particularly famous one was the Miller-Urey experiment in 1952, in which University of Chicago researchers Stanley Miller and Harold Urey showed that in the right conditions, inorganic compounds could give rise to complex organic compounds. Miller and Urey mixed methane, ammonia, and water, and when they applied a strong electric current – like a lightning strike might have – the mixture contained amino acids, the building blocks of proteins. They reported their discovery the very next year in the journal *Science*.

While we have evidence today that the earth's environment then may not have been much like what the experiment presumed to mimic, the very fact that amino acids could be created in a broth of inorganic molecules was groundbreaking.

Other researchers have proposed other theories about the origin of life. A particularly prominent one is that meteorites from space could have brought the building blocks of life, sustained by discoveries on the earth as well as out there. In August 2019, French and Italian scientists reported discovering extra-terrestrial organic material 3.3 billion years old, whereas Japan's Hayabusa 2 mission to the asteroid Ryugu indicated the presence of more than 20 amino acids there.

LUCA and the molecular clock

As mysteries go, a close second to the origin of life is how life-forms evolved to produce the rich diversity we see around us today. Researchers believe all three branches of life – bacteria, archaea, and eukarya – originated from a single cell, called the last universal common ancestor (LUCA). There is no fossil evidence to support the existence of LUCA, but the fact that modern genomes share so many features provides some insights. An important concept that allows scientists to reconstruct the 'tree of life' is the theory of the molecular clock. Molecular biologist Emile Zuckerkandl and biochemist Linus Pauling proposed it in the 1960s, and biologist Motoo Kimura subsequently improved it.

According to a simplified version of the theory, the rate at which mutations are added or removed from a population's genome is proportional to the rate of acquiring new mutations, which is constant. Later studies also found that the mutation rate varies between species. Using these two facts, researchers developed a way to estimate how much time could have passed between two evolutionary events.

To calibrate the molecular clock to a particular rate of mutations, researchers establish links between a genome and known events, such as the 'date' on which the first mammal evolved or the age of certain fossils. These links act like temporal benchmarks.

Thanks to the large number of genome sequences and fossils of various organisms, as well as the computing power available today, researchers routinely use the molecular clock to understand the evolution of various life-forms on earth through time.

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Which is older: LUCA or fossils?

In a recent paper in the journal *Nature Ecology and Evolution*, researchers at the University of Bristol and Exeter in the U.K. constructed a phylogenetic tree of 350 bacterial and 350 archaeal genomes. Then, using a molecular clock, the team estimated when LUCA could have originated: around 4.2 billion years ago, just 300 million years after the earth itself formed.

The team also reported that LUCA may have had a small genome, of some 2.5 million bases and encoding around 2,600 proteins, all just enough to help it survive in a unique environmental niche. The team also suggested the metabolites produced by LUCA – compounds produced as a result of its metabolism – could have created a 'secondary' ecosystem in which other microbes could have emerged.

Importantly, the origin of LUCA by 4.2 billion years significantly predates previous suggestions about the origin of life on earth. For context, researchers have found fossil records of the earliest life-forms in the Pilbara Craton in western Australia, one of the few places on the planet where archaean rocks are exposed aboveground and accessible. Studies of these fossils have suggested that life that lived on the rocks emerged around 3.4 billion years ago. The current study, on the other hand, pushes this date back by almost a billion years, almost on the heels of the birth of our planet itself.

The researchers also found some reasons to believe LUCA may have had genes responsible for immunity, suggesting it had to fight off viruses.

Taken together, the findings are tremendously significant, not just for understanding how life emerged and evolved on the earth: they also speak to our ability to look for similar forms of life across the universe. The insights into evolution they provide will also give a significant fillip to human ambitions to engineer synthetic organisms for various industrial, chemical, and biological processes on the earth, as well as to create or moderate ecosystems on other planets in the future.

(The authors are senior consultants at Vishwanath Cancer Care Foundation, and adjunct professors at IIT Kanpur and Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, and distinguished visitors at Ashoka University.)

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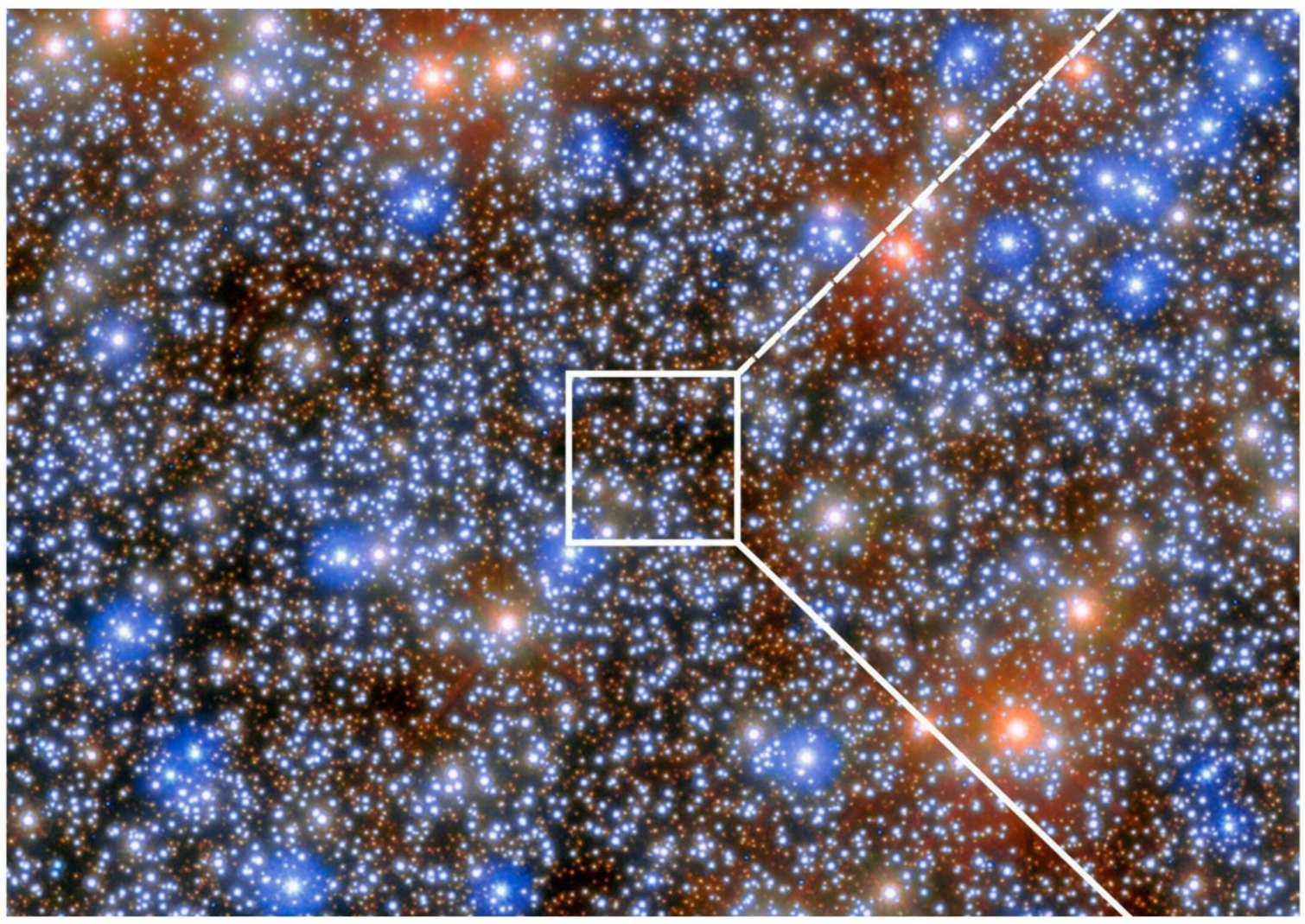


This image captured by the Hubble Telescope, and released last week, shows the star cluster Omega Centauri. One of the enduring mysteries of the cosmos has been the strange absence of medium-sized black holes between the very small and very big extremes. On July 10, astronomers said they had found the best evidence yet of the existence of one of these "missing link" black holes, located within the square in this image. THE HINDU

QUESTION CORNER

The ABO classification system

How are blood groups differentiated?

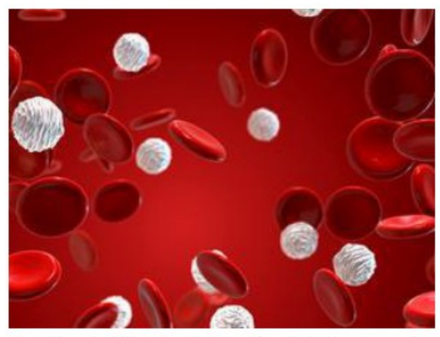
A: Human blood consists of red blood corpuscles as a constituent, which give it its red colour. On the surfaces of these red cells are present one or both of two types of antigens (proteins), designated A and B. Other than these, two antibodies, designated as antibody-A and antibody-B, present in the serum are also involved in the classification of human blood. (Serum, a constituent of blood, is a straw-coloured liquid that can be seen after removing all the other blood cells from a sample.)

Antibodies have the property of clumping red cells. When antigen-A is present on the red cells, the serum contains only antibody-B, which will clump red cells with antigen-B on their surface. Then the blood is classified as group A.

When antigen-B is present on the red cells, the serum contains only antibody-A, which clumps red cells with antigen-A. As a result, the blood is classified as group B.

In some people, both antigens A and B are present on all the red cells, so their serum does not contain any of the antibodies. They belong to the AB group. Their blood cells don't clump whether they receive A group or B group blood. That is, A and B are compatible with the AB group.

The fourth type, O, has neither of the antigens on its red cells but has both antibodies in the serum.



Red blood cells carry oxygen from the lungs to the body's tissues. White cells monitor for potential threats and respond to infections. GETTY IMAGES

In order to keep red cells from clumping, those with A group blood can receive only A and O group blood, and those with B group blood can only receive B and O group blood. But the AB group can receive blood from any of the groups. Thus, it is called the universal recipient. Similarly, those with O-group blood are universal donors.

This system of classification is called the ABO system. Blood groups are also classified by the Rhesus system (Rh). The Rh factor leads to one type in which the Rh factor is present (Rhesus positive) and another in which it is not (Rhesus negative).

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After recent toll hike, BMTC plans fare increase for buses taking NICE Road

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The recent toll hike by Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprise (NICE) Road is prompting the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) to plan an increase in bus fares for routes using the stretch, particularly from Madavara to Electronics City. A BMTC official stated that 21 schedules, comprising 150 trips daily, operate on NICE Road. "The new toll rates have been in effect since July 1. We are planning to increase fares on the NICE Road routes by ₹5 owing to the toll hike," the official said.

Currently, the BMTC bus fare for this stretch is ₹65, which includes a ₹25 toll. Despite the fare increase, passengers benefiting from the Shakti Scheme can continue to travel for free on ordinary buses.

This February, while answering a question in the Assembly, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said that the BMTC had submitted a request to Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprise Ltd. seeking toll charge concessions. The BMTC runs buses from Madavara near BIEC on Tumakuru Road to Electronics City via NICE Road. An official from the BMTC said that in line with the current policy, the toll expenses are being directly passed on to the commuters.

Meanwhile, the BMTC has separately urged the NHAI to grant concessions for its buses. This request is based on the significant number of BMTC buses that use NHAI highways to travel from the city to areas and villages near the Mysuru and Tumakuru highways. Mr. Reddy mentioned that the NHAI has not yet responded to this request.

After Sarige buses, KSRTC to refurbish Airavat fleet

This initiative follows the successful refurbishment of 1,027 Karnataka Sarige buses since 2022; Officials say while a new bus costs around ₹40 lakh, refurbishing an old bus costs merely ₹3 lakh

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BENGALURU

For the first time, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) will refurbish four Airavat and Airavat Club Class buses, transforming them into almost-new coaches.

This initiative follows the successful refurbishment of 1,027 Karnataka Sarige buses since 2022, giving these vehicles a new lease on life.

A KSRTC official told *The Hindu*, "After successfully refurbishing the regular Sarige buses, we decided to extend this effort to the premium Airavat fleet."

According to officials, while a new bus costs around ₹40 lakh, refurbishing an old bus to like-new condition costs merely ₹3 lakh. "The refurbished buses will help us meet the increase in demand due to implementation of the Shakti scheme in Karnataka," the official added.

"If the refurbishment of the Airavat buses proves successful, we plan to refurbish the entire fleet of premium buses," the official added.

An old Airawat bus that will be refurbished. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Explaining the refurbishment process, officials explained that they select buses that are approximately 10 years old and have logged over 10 lakh kilometres.

"Once selected, the bus is completely disassembled, leaving only the chassis intact. From seats to windows, every component is replaced. The body is rebuilt. After painting, the refurbished bus looks as good as new," the official said.

The refurbishment process ensures that the buses have well-maintained engines, which typically do not need replacement, but for exceptional cases. Generally, buses that have been in service for 15 years are decommissioned. The buses slotted for refurbishment are only 10 years old.

Since the introduction of the Shakti scheme by the Karnataka government, the four transport corporations – KSRTC, Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation, North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation, and Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation – have procured 2,300 new buses. Currently, these corporations operate a total of 23,989 buses across Karnataka, covering an average of 65.02 lakh kilometres per day.

New KSRTC package tours

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The KSRTC has announced new package tours from Bengaluru to Jog Falls and Bengaluru to Somanathapura.

The fare for the tour to Jog Falls has been fixed at ₹3,000 for adults and ₹2,800 for children aged 6 to 12. The fare for the tour to Somanathapura has been fixed at ₹500 for adults and ₹350 for children aged 6 to 12. For details, visit www.ksrtc.in and www.ksrtc.karnataka-.gov.in.

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22,000 books. The UGC and the Ministry of Education, launched the project titled, ASMITA, which aims to create an ecosystem for translation and original writing in Indian languages. PTI

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5.76 in per cent. India's domestic air passenger traffic grew to 1.32 crore in June from 1.24 crore in the same month last year, according to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation's monthly data. PTI

Amount released by India to UN for Palestine refugees

2.5 in $ million. The Indian government has released the first tranche of funds to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) as part of its annual contribution of $5 million for 2024-25. PTI

Share of PM CARES applications of COVID orphans rejected

51 in per cent. Of the 9,331 applications received under the scheme, only 4,532 applications were approved. Launched on May 29, 2021, the scheme aims to support children orphaned due to the pandemic between March 11, 2020, and May 5, 2023. PTI

Number of children to not receive vaccines in 2023 in India

16 in lakh. India had the second-highest number of children who did not receive any vaccine in 2023, preceded by Nigeria where 21 lakh children weren't vaccinated in the same year. PTI

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Grand preparations: A decorated Rolls-Royce car carrying guests leaves Antilia, the house of Indian businessman Mukesh Ambani, on the day of his son Anant's wedding in Mumbai, on July 12. REUTERS

The problem with billionaire consumption

Modern societies have granted capitalists the right to profit, but cannot extract from them a duty to invest, specifically during times of economic recessions. In contrast, workers have no right over the very aspect of spending — investments — that affects their employment and living standards

ECONOMIC NOTES

Rahul Menon

The lavish and extended wedding celebrations of billionaire Mukesh Ambani's youngest son has brought to the forefront the question of "conspicuous consumption" of the rich. In a capitalist society beset by high levels of inequality, how do we make sense of such displays of private wealth by the elite? Does billionaire consumption in an unequal society hinder or aid economic expansion? What are some of the ethical and economic issues involved? The issues discussed here do not pertain solely to the Ambanis, but attempt to tackle some broader questions regarding the question of private consumption by the rich.

Perspectives from the right and left

A defence of billionaires' consumption would run as follows: in a liberal capitalist democracy, there are no restrictions on what one chooses to do with one's private property. Assuming that market processes are fair, billionaires' consumption expenditure – no matter how lavish – is a legitimate exercise of their private freedoms and cannot be faulted. The existence of inequality is not their concern, but the manifestation of flawed policy that restricts market freedom and curtails pure competition. Increasing market access, in this view, would ensure that everyone has adequate wealth.

On the opposite end of the political spectrum, the Marxist view holds that since value is created solely by labour, profits represent an unfair extraction of value. Thus, all forms of billionaire consumption is illegitimate, since private riches are generated through a denial of the rightful claims of workers. The co-existence of a large working class with low wages and a small number of billionaires does not arise because of a faulty market mechanism, but is an undeniable feature of capitalism itself. The rights over private property enshrined in liberal societies hide deep structural imbalances that serve to continually enrich a few at the expense of the many; in this framework, there can be no way to justify billionaire consumption.

The impact on the economy

Another defence of billionaire consumption is that regardless of the ethical issues involved, as long as consumption is done domestically, the expansion of purchasing power leads to an increase in demand for locally-made goods, and an increase in domestic employment and incomes. In economies like India where the generation of suitable employment is a matter of grave concern, private consumption of the rich ensures a vital boost to aggregate demand. Yet this represents a second-best solution to the problem of demand, since what is required for growth in living standards is investment, not consumption.

Consider two sectors in an economy, a consumption sector that produces clothes, and an investment sector that produces sewing machines. Assume that every year, the local billionaire spends a given amount of money to purchase clothes, but does not put in any order for new sewing machines. The demand for clothes generates employment, but the capital stock – represented by the sewing machines – does not change, and hence neither does labour productivity. Since per capita incomes depend on labour productivity, living standards do not rise. There might be employment, but no growth.

If the billionaire was to purchase sewing machines, this investment would generate employment not just in the investment sector – as workers are hired to produce sewing machines – but also in the consumption sector, since these newly-hired workers would purchase clothes. Consumption spending does not necessarily generate investment spending, but investment spending, through the working of the multiplier effect, necessarily increases demand in the consumption sector as well.

Moreover, investment would ensure the capital stock is upgraded with the latest machinery, increasing the productivity of labour and per capita incomes. Long-run growth crucially depends on investment spending, which is the domain of the rich, since working classes do not control the operations of businesses and have no say in the prospects of capital expansion.

A "social contract"

According to the celebrated British economist John Maynard Keynes, capitalist societies rest on a peculiar social contract. The capitalist classes are allowed greater wealth, control of production and a substantial share of net output produced each year, provided they ensure high levels of investment that generate sufficient employment and rising productivity. They must also ensure that prices are not increased drastically so that real wages do not fall. This can be the only grounds for an unequal distribution of resources in a capitalist society from a Keynesian perspective.

The greater the share of profits invested, the greater is economic welfare. Keynesian growth theory specifies that the rate of growth is highest when the entire share of profits is invested (for given technical conditions). In mainstream growth theory, the level of per capita consumption is highest when the entirety of profits is invested; this is known as the "Golden Rule". Conspicuous consumption out of profits can therefore be seen as reducing the amount available for investment, and hence reducing welfare.

Herein lies the peculiar problems that affect modern capitalism. Since profits accrue privately, the decision to invest is also taken privately. In certain instances, capitalists may wish not to invest, for the risks would certainly outweigh the potential benefits. They may also choose to engage in pure consumption and lavish ceremonies, and liberal societies allow them the uncontested right to do so. But this represents a loss for the working classes, since it draws resources away from the expansion of the capital stock, reducing employment and labour productivity growth. Modern societies have granted capitalists the right to profit, but cannot extract from them a duty to invest, specifically during times of economic recessions. In contrast, workers have no right over the very aspect of spending – investments – that affects their employment and living standards.

This takes added significance in the presence of monopoly, where even if investment occurs, working classes are affected through the imposition of monopoly prices that reduce real wages and purchasing power.

The purpose of this piece is not to point fingers at specific instances of conspicuous consumption, but to place some economic issues in context. As opposed to a Marxist analysis, a Keynesian understanding would hold that lavish consumption of the rich is a problem only if enough investment is not forthcoming to absorb those searching for jobs and if the consumption of working classes is curtailed through high monopoly prices. In the context of high youth unemployment, stagnant real wages and a significant loss of jobs in the informal sector, the stark inequalities on display represent a very real public policy problem that we have shown an inability and unwillingness to confront.

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THE GIST

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705 forest encroachment cases registered in Bengaluru Urban division, says Khandre

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre informed the Legislative Council that the total forest area in Bengaluru Urban division is 9,991.7 hectares. FILE PHOTO

A total of 705 forest encroachment cases have been registered in the Bengaluru Urban division, Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre informed the Legislative Council on Tuesday. Mr. Khandre, replying to an unstarred question, said that the total forest area in Bengaluru Urban division is 9,991.7 hectares and a total of 705 encroachment cases have been registered.

He added that of the total 9,991.7 hectares, 711.81 hectares are in Bengaluru North taluk, 1,384.32 hectares in Bengaluru North (Additional), 3,467.38 hectares in Bengaluru South, 601.36 hectares in Bengaluru East, and 3,836.83 hectares in Anekal taluk.

Of the total 705 encroachment cases, 84 were registered in Bengaluru range, 32 in Yelahanka range, 244 in Kaggalipura range, 255 in K.R. Puram, and 90 in Anekal range.

Responding to Chidanand M. Gowda, MLC, the Minister said that 46 people in Bengaluru Urban division and 47 in Bannerghatta National Park division have brought an injunction from the court to prevent the encroachments from being cleared.

Mr. Khandre said that the government is committed to clear all encroached land.

Concern over rampant forest encroachment cases

R. Krishna Kumar
MYSURU

Not withstanding the government's avowed commitment to increase the green cover in the State, there is unbridled encroachment of forests as evident in the number of cases registered by the Forest Department during 2023-24.

According to the annual report of the Karnataka Forest Department for 2023-24 released recently, there have been 1,385 fresh cases of forest encroachment registered by the authorities during 2023-24. These are in addition to 44,608 cases pertaining to forest encroachment across the State pending as on March 31, 2023, as per the Forest Department's report out of which 355 cases have been resolved.

Environmentalists have found the fresh cases of encroachments disconcerting as it is antithetical to the stated objective of the government of shoring up the green cover for which hundreds of crores of rupees will be spent on raising saplings and planting them across the State.

Among the various forest circles, encroachment is particularly high in Bengaluru circle comprising Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Kolar, Chickballapur, and Bannerghatta National Park. As many as 743 new encroachment cases have been registered in the Bengaluru circle of which 636 cases pertain to Bannerghatta National Park division, which is a protected area. The total number of pending cases in Bengaluru circle is now 4,688, as per the report.

There have been 64 fresh encroachment cases in Belagavi Circle and the total number of pending cases currently stands at 674. In Hassan circle, 100 fresh cases of encroachment were registered while Chamarajanagar circle had four new cases during 2023-24. But the total number of pending cases is 962 of which 822 encroachment cases pertain to Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary division and 138 to MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary division.

During 2023-24, there were 77 new encroachment cases registered in the Kanara Circle. But that is disconcerting is that the number of pending cases as on March 31, 2023, was 18,517. There were 645 encroachment cases pending before KTR Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary and 8,776 cases pending in Sirsi division. Honnavar division has 3,505 pending cases of encroachment, while Yellapur division has 3,710 pending cases.

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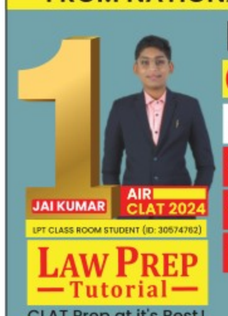
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PERSONAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE, V Brucelee Devaraj S/o M Veeramani and M Karthika W/o V Brucelee Devaraj residing at # 28, Third Floor, First Cross, Behind Mars Service Station, Aswath Nagar, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangaluru - 560094 are here by declare that our son's name K.B. Aadithya Nathaniel and Aaditya Nathaniel both name belongs to him only. Hence forth he shall be known and called as Aaditya Nathaniel only for all legal purposes, Vide affidavit dated 16-01-2021 sworn before notary V.R. Chandrasekar, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 28th ADDL, CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-29)
O.S. NO. 26928/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai -400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its Collection Manager and POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Rajeshbabu Billa ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V, RULE 20 OF C.P.C.
To,
Sri Rajeshbabu Billa
S/o Sri Ramanjaneyulu Billa,
Aged about 36 years, C/o Harish, 17, M Visveshwaraiah Layout, Bengaluru - 562114
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 654964/- (Rupees Six Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Four Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 28th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 29) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 01/08/2024 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 05/07/2024.
By Order Of The Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo hall Unit, Bangalore
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE 28th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYO HALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-29)
O.S. NO. 25545/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Ms. Ambika S S ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V, RULE 20 OF C.P.C
To,
Ms. Ambika S S,
D/o Sri. Shivarama, Aged about 32 years, D-105, Shurithika Spring Filed, Singapura Main Road, Vidyaranyapura, Near Indra Canteen Bangalore- 560097.
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 10,15,633/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Three Only) together with interest @ 24% p a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 28th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 29) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on I 09/08/2024 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 08/07/2024
By Order Of The Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo hall Unit, Bangalore
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, Nitin Koti R/o Primerose Residency, G004, 12th A Main Road, Kaveri Nagar, Kodichikanahalli, Bommanahalli-560068 have changed my minor daughter's name from Varsha N Koti to Varsha R N.

I, NAVEEN Kumar.J, S/o Jagadish Prasad.B. R., R/at No.71, 2nd Floor, Ahmed Jan Building, Bazaar Street, Neelasandra, Bengaluru - 560047, have changed my name from Naveen Kumar.J to Naveed Khan vide affidavit dated 15/07/2024 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYO HALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O.S. NO. 25494/2023
BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 Represented by its Relationship Manager and POA Holder Ms. Mansi Singh ...Plaintiff
And
Sri S Venu Gopal ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF C.P.C.
To,
Sri S Venu Gopal,
S/o Sri Subbanna,
Aged about 51 years,
No.83/2, 1st Main, Govindaraj Nagar, Bangalore- 560 040
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 4,22,645/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Five Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 72nd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH 73) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 14/08/2024 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 09/07/2024.
By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
SA Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, Nitin Koti R/o Primerose Residency, G004, 12th A Main Road, Kaveri Nagar, Kodichikanahalli, Bommanahalli-560068 have changed my minor son's name from Ronit N Koti to Ronit R N.

I, RADHA, Wife of Late Sri Balu.E, Ex-Naik, No.06476452P (ASC) residing at No.1964, Pipe Line 2nd Cross, Robertsonpet, K G F-563122, have changed my name from Radha to B.K. Radha as per my affidavit duly signed by S.Thangaraj, Notary K G F dated 11/07/2024.

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IN THE COURT OF THE 28th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-29)
O.S. NO. 25843/2021
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Mythree Centre, No. 4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068
Represented by its Manager : Sri Pramodh G S/o Gurumallappa B ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Love Kumar ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Love Kumar,
S/o Sri Suri Harveer Singh,
Aged about 42 years,
R/at 5, S Nagaraj, No. 16/6, Mathru Layout, Near Sai Mandira, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore - 560 064
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Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 08/07/2024.
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
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CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYO HALL UNIT, BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
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IN THE COURT OF THE 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYO HALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O.S. NO. 25431/2023
BETWEEN:
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 Represented by its Relationship Manager and POA Holder Ms. Mansi Singh ...Plaintiff
And
Sri Ulavappa B Sheelavantar ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF C.P.C.
To,
Sri Ulavappa B Sheelavantar,
S/o Sri Basavaraj Ulavappa Sheelavantar,
Aged about 37 years,
House No. 286, 2nd Floor, 4th Cross, 2nd Main, Pai Layout, Bengaluru- 560 016
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 4,76,172/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 72nd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH 73) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 26/07/2024 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 04/07/ 2024.
By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
SA Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560047

IN THE COURT OF THE 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYO HALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O.S. NO. 26435/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai -400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its Collection Manager & POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri G Sivakumar ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF CPC
To,
Sri G Sivakumar,
S/o Sri Gandagula Subbadasu,
Aged about 35 years,
No. 26, Sai Sadan, 4th Cross, 7th Main, Raghavendra Nagar, R M Nagar,
Bangalore- 560 016
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 3,96,710/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 72nd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH 73) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 29/07/2024 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 27/06/2024.
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYO HALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O.S. NO. 25433/2023
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051
and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its Relationship Manager and POA Holder Ms. Mansi Singh ...Plaintiff
And
Sri Chandra Shekar KS ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT under order v Rach 20
To,
Sri Chandra Shekar K S
S/o Sri Srinivaschary,
Aged about 43 years,
Building No.916, Apartment No. 202, 3rd Main, C Block, AECS Layout, Bangalore- 560 037
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.7,69,324/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Four Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 72nd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 26/07/2024 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 04/07/2024.
By Order Of The Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYO HALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O.S. NO. 26788/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its Collection Manager & POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Ms. Noor Misba ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER 5, RULE 20 OF CPC
To,
Ms. Noor Misba,
D/o Mr. Ismail Shariff,
Aged about 28 years,
People Interactiov I Pvt. Ltd., No. 31, 80 feet Road, 3rd Cross, Venkatreddy Layout, Bengaluru- 560 040
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 4,94,410/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Four Hundred Ten Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 72nd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH 73) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 06/08/2024 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 04/07/2024.
By Order Of The Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr. PEER NAWAZ KHAN S/o Late Mohammed Jaleel Khan,** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr. Y G NAVEEN KUMAR S/o late S. Gangappa** and **Mr. MOHAN MURTHY Y G S/o Mr. Gangappa,** any person/s, Bank, Financial Institutions etc objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece sad parcel of the **Site No. 551**, situated at **6th Cross, 3rd Block, 1st Stage, HBR layout, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru-560043,** presently comes under BBMP limit, Ward No. 30, Kadugondanahalli, PID No. 84/1, measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 25 feet, totally measuring **750 Sq.ft,** along with a residential building and bounded on:
EAST BY : Road, WEST BY : Site No. 534, NORTH BY Site No. 550, SOUTH BY : Site No. 552.
C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants Bangalore-43
M : 9845846428, 9966443706,
E- Mail: rvlaw.76@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of My client **Smt.Pooja Mehta w/o Sri.Amit Mehta** to bring the notice of the general public that Original registered absolute sale deed registered on 18.10.1997 bearing doc No.1337/97-98, registered in the office of the sub-registrar Nelamangala, Bangalore, executed by **Smt.S.N.Nalini D/o Late S.G.Nanjundappa and others** in favour of **Sri.D.Ravi S/o Late A.Doreswamy Naidu,** is missing / lost/ misplaced in respect of schedule property.
If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document or schedule property, they may contact the undersigned in writing within **7 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of the immovable agricultural dry land bearing **Sy.No.30/3,** measuring **4 acres 34 guntas,** situated at **Kempalinganahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** and bounded on :
East by : Land in Sy.No.30/2 & Sy.No.29,
West by : Bhavikere village boundary,
North by : Land in Sy.No.30/4 & Sy.No.29,
South by : Bhavikere village boundary.
H. Prahlada B.A.,L.L.B
Advocate & Solicitor,
For H.P.Law, #2, 3rd Floor, Venkateshwara Complex, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022
M : 7760061073

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Joint Director,
Nehru Nagar, Belagavi. Tel: 0831-2407245

Tender No: JDSWD/EST/CR-16/2024-25 **Date: 08/07/2024**

TENDER NOTICE (e-Procurment Announcement)

Out source staff tender through e-procurement is here by invited for the supply of **C and D group staffs for Morarji Desai, Kittur Rani Chanamma, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar & Smt. Indira Gandhi Residential Schools** which comes under social welfare Department, for the period of one year from the date of assignment or till further orders.
Eligible tenderers / Firms can submit their filled tenders as per the tender conditions.The tenders shall be submitted only through the e-procurment portal of the Government of Karnataka at **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** as per the schedule laid down below.
Tender Schedule:
1) Last Date to submit the tender through e-procurment: **08-08-2024 upto 5.30 PM through http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in online. 2)** Date and time of opening of technical bid on e-portal: **12-08-2024 at 11.00 AM** (Subject to change). **3)** Tender Amount **Rs. 630.64 Lakhs. 4)** E.M.D Amount: **Rs. 9.46 Lakhs. 5)** Date and time of opening of Financial bid on e-portal: **14-08-2024 at 11.00 AM** (Subject to change). **6)** Contact details of the office for further details regarding e-tender: **Office of the Joint Director, Social welfare Department, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi. Tel: 0831-2407245**
For more details can be obtained from the website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** online.
Sd/- Joint Director
DIPR/Belagavi/392/Adverto/2024-25 Social Welfare Department, Belagavi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposes to purchase the Schedule Properties, which are all situated at Kanivenahalli Village, KasabaHobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, from **(1) Smt.K.S.Nalini** W/o. Sri.B. Krishna, aged about 57 years, residing at No.15, 1st "A' Main, 11th Cross, Prashanthnagar, Bengaluru- 560 079 **(2) Sri.T.S.Rajan,** S/o.Late. Sri.T.R.Subramanyam, aged about 63 years, residing at Thirumala House, S-36, 1st Floor, 5th Cross, Kirloskar Coloney, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 079, **(3) Sri.Shivaram Ashwathaiah,** son of Sri. Ashwathaiah.R, aged about 40 years, residing at No.609, 2nd Main, Opp. KrishnaKalyana Mantapa, Meenakshi Nagara, Basaveshwara Nagara, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru- 560 079. We are investigating title of the Schedule Properties.
Any person/s having any manner of claims/objections for the proposed purchase of the Schedule Properties, may lodge their claim/s, objection/s, with the undersigned, with documentary evidence within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this publication. Any claims/ objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claims/ objections.
SCHEDULE -PROPERTY
Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Sy.No.61/1, measuring 2.00 Acres and 31 Guntas, and bounded on: East by: Sy.No.61/2,West by: Thambihalli Village Boundary & Sy.No.79; North by: Sy.Nos.62/9, 62/10, 62/1, 62/8, 62/2 and Sy.No.62/3; South by: Land belonging to Sonnegowda.
Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Sy.No.62/1, measuring 0 Acre 10.08 Guntas, and 0.04 gunta of karab andbounded on :East by:Land belonging to Chowdappa in Sy.No.62/8,West by: Land belonging to Muniraju in Sy.No.62/10; North by: Bavanahalli Village Boundary; South by: Land belonging to Chowdappa in Sy.No.61/1.
Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Sy.No.62/2, measuring 0 Acres 21.08 guntas and 0.08 Guntas of karab, and bounded on : East by: Sy.No.62/3, West by: Sy.No.62/8; North by: Bavanahalli Village Boundary and; South by: Sy.No.61/1.
Item No.4: All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Sy.No.62/3, measuring 1.00 Acre and 05 Guntas and 01 Gunta of Karab, and bounded on East by: Sy.No.62/4;West by: Sy.No.62/2; North by: Bhavanahalli Village Boundary; South by : Sy.No.61.
Item No.5: All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Sy.No.62/8, measuring 0 acres 21.08 Guntas and karab 0.08 Gunta, and bounded on: East by: Sy.No.62/2, West by: Sy.No.62/1; North by: Bavanahalli Village Boundary and; South by: Sy.No.61/1.
Item No.6: All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Sy.No.62/9, measuring 0 Acres 21 Guntas, and 0.08 Guntaskarab, and bounded on: East by: Sy.No.62/10, West by: 40 Feet Road and Land belonging to Narayanappa; North by: Bavanahalli Village Boundary; South by : Land belonging to Chowdappa in Sy.No.61/1.
Item No.7: All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Sy.No.62/10, measuring 0 Acres 10.08 Guntas, and karab of 0.04 guntaand bounded on :East by: Sy.No.62/1,West by: Land belonging to Thimmarayappa in Sy.No.62/9; North by: Bavanahalli Village boundary; South by: Land belonging to Chowdappa in Sy.No.61/1.
Item Nos.1, 2 4, 5, 6, and 7 jointly belongs to **Smt.K.S.Nalini and Sri.T.S.Rajan,** and Item No.3 belongs to **Sri. Shivaram Ashwathaiah.**
Y.S.H.REDDY, Advocate
No.503, 1st Floor, Sai Leela Suites, 1st Main, 7th Cross, H.M.T.Layout, Parallel to 80 Feet Road, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru-32. Mobile:**9886378570**

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As thoughts become digitised, who will protect our neurorights?

The right to safeguard one's mental statuses and thoughts from surveillance are precious fundamental rights but technological advancements may cheapen them in some contexts. The digitisation of neuro-data raises great opportunities as well as concerns

Krishna Ravi Srinivas

Neurotechnologies have come a long way since the development of electroencephalography (EEG). Invented a hundred years ago, the EEG has had a significant impact on our knowledge of the human brain and various treatments of brain disorders. Many researchers expect that soon there will be wearable EEGs that could directly assist human cognitive functions. Elon Musk's Neuralink has also kindled hope about using brain-computer links to help physically impaired people restore some lost function.

The 1990s was popularly known as the 'decade of the brain' as research on neuroscience and neurotechnologies received a big boost from various governments. The European Union's 'Human Brain Project' and the subsequent 'BRAIN' initiative were some of the major initiatives. Today, research in these areas is also supported by private companies, especially in the life sciences sector, and is also more extensive than before, including brain pathophysiology, deep-brain stimulation, and neuromarketing.

Neurotechnologies range from Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) that health workers routinely use to the rarer Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCI). In the last few decades, the type of sensory information these technologies have become able to record has expanded considerably. Sophisticated biosensors that can record a person's physiological activities, behavioural responses, and emotions are no longer fiction.

How is neurodata valuable?

The digitisation of neuro-data raises great opportunities as well as concerns. Not all neurotech users are care-seekers, as smartwatches, apps, and 'embeddables' are integrated more into day-to-day activities. After users' devices collect these data, there will be an option to transmit them to healthcare providers and private companies, who will have an incentive to integrate them in a larger knowledge framework to offer, say, real-time tracking of health indicators and personalised suggestions.

This also increases the risk of surveillance – from multiple sources for different purposes. For example, a manager can monitor the movements and mental states of an employee to track alertness, fatigue, and other indicators. This data can be shared with various state and non-state actors, including other employers and physicians. This can be a boon but can also help these actors exert more control over individuals' behaviour. Digitised health data also has great commercial value in advertising and marketing (including neuromarketing).

Surging investment by the private sector in neurotechnologies has also raised concerns about their governance and regulation. There are unique ethical concerns here because these neurotechnologies can probe individuals' physiological and psychological states.

Ultimately the right to think freely and mental privacy can be imperilled. In the garb of monitoring and assessing efficiency, different entities may be able to track and monitor the movements and behaviour of diverse sections of the population, individually and collectively.

What is neuroethics?

The right to think freely and the right to safeguard one's mental statuses and thoughts from surveillance and monitoring are precious fundamental rights but technological advancements may cheapen them in some contexts. Experts strive to adopt ethical standards such that humankind benefits most from the use of neurotechnologies while minimising harm. This is the principal concern of neuroethics. It has emerged as an important field of research and action in the last two decades.

Various institutions and funding agencies have tried to identify and enforce ethical principles for neuro-X research and development. In 2015, the U.S. Presidential Commission on Bioethics published a two-volume report entitled 'Gray Matters'. It focused its analysis on three "controversial topics that illustrate the ethical tensions and societal implications of advancing neuroscience and technology: cognitive enhancement, consent capacity, and neuroscience and the legal system".

In 2019, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) recommended nine principles to ensure the ethical development and use of neurotechnologies based on the concept of responsible innovation. Two of them were "safeguarding personal brain data" and "anticipating and monitoring potential unintended use and/or misuse".

UNESCO published a paper in 2022 in which it said: "As [neurotech] actively interacts with, and alters the human brain, this technology also raises issues of human identity, freedom of thought, autonomy, privacy and flourishing. The risk of unauthorised access to the sensitive information stored in the brain is a case in point. Already today, neural data is increasingly sought after for commercial purposes, such as digital phenotyping, emotional information, neurogaming and neuromarketing. Neuromarketing units have been developed by industry to evaluate, and even alter consumer preferences – raising serious concerns about mental privacy. These risks can also pose serious problems when dealing with non-democratic governments."

In 2023, researchers at the Institute of Neuroethics in Atlanta in the U.S. reviewed several guideline documents and ethical frameworks published by institutions, think-tanks, governments, etc. worldwide. Among other things, they wrote, these texts ask researchers to "proactively consider and communicate potential implications of scientific advances" and "to improve and meaningfully incorporate ethics in training and the conduct of research".

What are your neurorights?

Internationally accepted human rights principles and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provide some inkling as to individuals' neurorights. But the extent to which they are enforceable depends on the laws in each jurisdiction.

In 2021, Chile became the first country to legally recognise its citizens' neurorights when its Senate agreed to amend the constitution. As a result, according to a 2022 article in the journal *AI & Society*, technological developments in the country must "respect people's physical and mental integrity" and its laws should "protect brain activity and information related to it". In the U.S., Colorado enacted a law in April 2024 to protect individuals' neurological privacy while California is deliberating a similar instrument.

But some legal scholars have said the current rights framework is adequate and that laws specific to neurorights may be limited in scope. For example, in a paper published last year in the journal *AJOB Neuroscience*, Pennsylvania State University scholars discussed whether neuro-privacy is meaningfully separate from data privacy.

An important challenge to developing suitable neuroethical standards is that the underlying technologies are evolving rapidly. The contexts in which people use these technologies are also diverse, beset by disparate expectations and cultural norms. For now, UNESCO has appointed an expert group to develop the "first global framework on the ethics of neurotechnology", expected to be adopted by the end of 2025. While this framework is not likely to result in a treaty or a binding convention, it could have a major impact on governments' guidance documents and policy narratives. Apart from UNESCO, various intergovernmental organisations are also actively working on the human rights dimension of neurotechnologies.

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On July 17, 1996, Madras was officially renamed Chennai, in line with a nationwide trend of using less anglicised names. A quiz on places that have been renamed in the past

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

One of the reasons for this activity was to rename States and cities in their regional languages. A prime example of this is Madhya Pradesh, in 1959. What was it called before?

QUESTION 2

The renaming of cities is often specifically from English to Indian English. In other words, the city itself is not actually renamed in the local language, but the official spelling in Indian English is amended. One of the major examples of this is the capital of this State which lies on the eastern bank of the Hooghly River. Which is the city that is being referred to here?

QUESTION 3

There have been renaming proposals to realign the English name with an alternative local name. The BJP has proposed time and again to change Islamic names to Hindu native names. This city in Uttar Pradesh is the judicial capital of the State. The renaming happened in 2018. What was it called before? What is it called now?

QUESTION 4

A most recent example of this trend, this State's Legislative Assembly on June 24, 2024, passed a resolution proposing a Constitutional amendment to change the name of the State. The resolution aims to align the official name with the regional language pronunciation. Which is the State, and what is the proposed name?

QUESTION 5

This was a province of British India and, subsequently, independent India. It corresponded to the combined regions of the present-day Indian states of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Some princely states were merged into this, and the unit came to be called Uttar Pradesh, in 1950. What was it called until then?

Visual question:

This image is of a celebration in one of the States in India. It is celebrated every year to commemorate the founding of the State. In 1973, the State's name was changed. Identify the State. What was it called until 1973?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This leader, who is now in jail, once alleged that the U.S. wanted to topple his government. **Ans: Imran Khan**
2. This President was shot in the early 1900s. He carried the bullet with him for the rest of his life. **Ans: Theodore Roosevelt**
3. This leader survived at least four assassination attempts. The fear that he would be assassinated apparently kept this ministerial colleague, up at night. **Ans: Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Patel**
4. This leader was giving a speech at a military event when there was an assassination attempt on him. **Ans: Nicolas Maduro**
5. This leader's mother was the world's first woman Prime Minister. **Ans: Chandrika Kumaratunga**
Visual: Name the hotel and the leader who was almost killed here. **Ans: Brighton Hotel; Margaret Thatcher**
Early Birds: Lakshmi R. Srinivas| K.N. Viswanathan

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Difference between 'clue' and 'hint'."

"A clue is 'something that helps to find an answer to a question, difficulty, etc'. Newspapers give us clues to solve their crossword puzzles. When the police go to the scene of a crime, they look for clues which could help them find the culprit. These clues could be anything; a cigarette butt, fingerprints on the window-pane, a shirt button in the victim's hand, etc. The word 'clue' is derived from 'cliwen' meaning 'a ball of thread.' We read in some stories how someone escaped from a labyrinth by using a ball of thread. From this, clue has come to be used of anything that could guide us through a difficulty. Clues can be intentional or unintentional. For example, in the case of a crossword puzzle, the clues are given deliberately. A murderer might unintentionally leave his fingerprints on the widow-pane. A 'hint' is usually intentional. It is an 'indirect indication or suggestion.' And when you hint something to somebody, you do not tell the person what is on your mind in a direct manner.

Raju hinted that he wanted to marry. Ganesh is no good at taking hints. You must speak to him plainly.

The word 'hint' is derived from Old English 'henten' meaning 'to seize'. It is related to 'hunt.' Both 'clue' and 'hint' are a means of finding possible solutions to a problem. Of the two, 'clue' is a much stronger word. If we find a 'clue' to a problem, then the chances of finding an answer to the problem are very bright. 'Not have a clue' means 'be ignorant'.

When is the meeting? I haven't a clue.

'Clueless' means 'stupid, incompetent.'

You are seeking her advice. She is absolutely clueless.

'Clue somebody up on or about something' means 'to make somebody well-informed about something.'

He is clued up on Indian economics.

This informal expression is generally used in the passive."

"Meaning of 'white elephant'."

"This means a very costly possession that is worthless to its owner and only a cause of trouble. A white elephant is something that one wants to get rid of but cannot. One wants to get rid of the object because maintaining it is very expensive; in fact, much more expensive than the object itself.

The air-conditioner that we bought last year is proving to be a white elephant. It breaks down very frequently.

Experts believe that the idiomatic expression got its meaning from a practice which was followed by the Kings of Siam. Siam is now known as Thailand. The kings had a number of white elephants. These animals were considered to be sacred; so no harm was ever done to them. Whenever a king found someone that he did not like in his court, he made sure that the man was ruined. He did this in a very subtle way; he presented the man with one of his white elephants. Since the animal was sacred, the man was forced to take good care of it. He was not allowed to sell the animal nor give it away. The elephant used to eat so much that the man became a pauper feeding it.

Published in The Hindu on September 15, 1992.

Word of the day

Surmise:

a message expressing an opinion based on incomplete evidence; imagine to be the case or true or probable

Synonyms: guess, speculation, supposition, hypothesis, conjecture, suspect

Usage: *I surmised that the butler did it.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/surmisepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /sɜ:'maɪz/

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SNIPPETS

'Plans on to revive MPM'

The State government is making efforts to revive the nearly 90-year-old Mysore Paper Mills Ltd. (MPM) at Bhadravati with private participation, Industries Minister M.B. Patil told the Legislative Council on Tuesday. "Earlier efforts to revive the plant have not worked. We have set up a committee to recommend measures after which the expression of interest will be called to invite the private players interested in reviving the plant," the Minister said in response to a question from Congress member Bilkis Bano, who brought to his attention the groundwater problem around eucalyptus plantation and sought the government's help to mitigate it. In response, Mr. Patil said that the eucalyptus plantation was part of the MPM to supply raw materials to the plant.

'About ₹700 crore due'

Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh said the government owed dairy farmers dues of around ₹700 crore towards the financial incentive of ₹5 a litre. "Whatever we (the Congress government) had to pay, we have paid already. This was part of the dues that the Congress government inherited from the previous BJP government. We have already paid about ₹200 crore and the ₹700 crore dues would be cleared in phases," the Minister said in response to a question from BJP member Hanumanth Nirani.

Congress seeks probe into scams in SC/ST bodies during BJP regime too

The ruling party claims the latest financial irregularities in the ST corporation would not have taken place if the BJP had acted sternly back then

IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress member P.M. Narendraswamy speaking in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, and (right) BJP and JD(S) members protesting in the Legislative Council against the government over the alleged scam in the Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT AND K. MURALI KUMAR

The ruling Congress launched a counter-attack in the Legislative Assembly at the Opposition BJP and JD(S), which have accused the government of being "anti-Dalit" in the wake of financial irregularities in the Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation, by pointing out that scams had taken place in various SC/ST bodies even during the tenures of the BJP and the JD(S)

Seeking to turn the tables on the Opposition, Congress member and Scheduled Castes leader P.M. Narendraswamy on Tuesday demanded a comprehensive probe into all such scams in the past as well, which took place when the BJP government was in power.

Earlier 'scams'

Pointing out that the then BJP MLA Gulihatti Shekhar himself had written to the then Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai drawing attention to irregularities in the Bovi Development Corporation, he said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah should order a comprehensive probe covering scams in all the SC/ST bodies, including the Bovi and Tanda development corporations in the past.

He argued that financial irregularities in the ST development corporation would not have taken place if the Opposition, particularly the BJP, had acted sternly against scams in the SC/ST bodies during its regime.

"Why did the CBI and the ED, which have now entered the scene, did not take up the probe then?" he asked.

He also took exception to the use of the word "Dalits" by the Opposition to refer to the SC/ST communities and argued that it was "derogatory". His argument was supported by Social Welfare Minister and Dalit leader H.C. Mahadevappa.

Meanwhile, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda took exception to BJP leader and former Home Minister Araga Jnanendra's demand that the Chief Minister should quit owning up moral responsibility for irregularities in the corporation. "Did Mr. Jnanendra quit owning up moral responsibility for the scam in the selection of police sub-inspectors when he was the Home Minister? What moral right do you have to seek the Chief Minister's resignation now?" he asked.

The House plunged into pandemonium when BJP leader Sunil Kumar remarked, "Where was the money siphoned off to from the ST development corporation? Was it given to the high command or spent for the Lok Sabha polls in Amethi or Ballari?"

Electoral bonds

This angered the Congress members, including the Ministers, who accused the BJP of indulging in irregularities in electoral bonds. This triggered a heated exchange of words and trading of charges, resulting in Deputy Speaker Rudrappa Manappa Lamani adjourning the House for some time to restore order.

The BJP continued with its demand for resignation of the Chief Minister in both the Houses of the State legislature on Tuesday.

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Seven killed in landslips in Uttara Kannada

Food, medicines and basic amenities were provided to the displaced people. Healthcare teams, too, are at these centres.

In the last 24 hours, three houses have been damaged completely in the district. Eighteen houses were partially damaged, and one was severely damaged. The work on restoring road connectivity by clearing boulders and mud was underway at some places.

The Deputy Commissioner said a red alert was sounded, and people residing in localities adjacent to rivers, streams, and hillocks were being shifted to safer places.

Meanwhile, Hubballi Electricity Supply Company has set up helplines in the taluks to attend calls for emergency repair works.

1.5 tmcft of water flowing to T.N. daily: Shivakumar

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Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Major and Medium Irrigation D.K. Shivakumar speaking in the Legislative Assembly.

Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Major and Medium Irrigation D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday informed the Legislative Assembly that 1.5 tmcft of water is flowing daily to Biligundlu reservoir on the border of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu owing to good rain in the State.

Providing details of the flow of water to Tamil Nadu, he said 6 tmcft of water had already flowed to Biligundlu as against the specification of 40 tmcft.

'Won't be an issue'

"As per the specifications, Karnataka is to release 40 tmcft of water to Tamil Nadu. As per our records at Biligundlu, 6 tmcft of water has flowed to Tamil Nadu. The daily flow to Tamil Nadu has reached 1.5 tmcft. With good rains, meeting the requirement won't be an issue is my feeling," the Deputy Chief Minister said.

The Cauvery Water Regulation Committee has asked Karnataka to ensure the flow of 1 tmcft (11,500 cusecs) at Biligundlu every day till July 31 to supply water to Tamil Nadu.

"There will be no problem if the State receives rain like this and water flows in this manner," Mr. Shivakumar said. On Tuesday, the inflow of water into Harangi, Hemavati, Krishnaraja Sagar, and Kabini reservoirs was 56,627 cusecs, he said.

Earlier, speaking to reporters, he urged Tamil Nadu to cooperate on the Mekedatu project, a balancing reservoir proposed across the Cauvery, stating that the project helps Tamil Nadu more than Karnataka. "The water stored in the reservoir will help us to release it on time to Tamil Nadu. There are Kannadigas, Tamilians, and Andhrites in Bengaluru and drinking water from the project will benefit all of them. I appeal to them to cooperate on this," he said.

"Like we held an all-party meet on the Cauvery, Tamil Nadu too is holding an all-party meeting. They are entitled to do so and we don't have any objection to it. But they should cooperate with us as it [Mekedatu project] benefits them," he said, replying to a question on the all-party meet organised by Tamil Nadu.

"Rainfall picked up in the State from Monday and the inflow into the Cauvery basin reservoirs has increased. Rain has come to our rescue," he added.

Asked if Karnataka would release water to Tamil Nadu if the rain continued, he said, "Of course, we will release water to Tamil Nadu. When water levels rise, we have to release," he said.

All-party meeting

Asked about Union Minister for Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy's statement that he did not want to attend the all-party meeting just for "cashews and raisins offered at the meeting", he said, "We did not call JD(S) representatives to eat cashews and raisins at the meeting. Mr. Kumaraswamy is a specialist in 'hit-and-run' comments. He doesn't care about Karnataka."

End '*appaji* culture' in BJP: Yatnal

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Disgruntled BJP leader Basanagouda Patil Yatnal continued to embarrass the BJP State leadership by supporting the demand of the Congress for ordering a probe into scams in all the SC/ST bodies, including those that took place during the erstwhile BJP regime, and also urging BJP leaders to end what he called "*appaji* culture".

"There is a significant contribution made by you in bringing the Congress to power with a thumping majority. People are backing you. But why you are yet to order a probe into these scams? Let anyone who has indulged in corruption face the inquiry," Mr. Yatnal told Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday.

Alleging that there was an effort from within the Congress to dethrone Mr. Siddaramaiah, he asked him to muster the courage to fight back. "I think you are keeping quiet on the scam in the Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation as your Delhi leaders may have to go to jail if a probe is ordered. But you are known as *huliya* (tiger). Now, be bold and demonstrate that you give importance to protecting your commitment to the welfare of Dalits," he told the Chief Minister.

Without taking the name of BJP veteran leader B.S. Yediyurappa and his son B.Y. Vijayendra, he said, "Our leader of the Opposition R. Ashok does not show much aggression. But yesterday, when I heard his speech, I was convinced that he has now decided to come out of the clutches of the father-and-son duo and practice the politics of self respect."

Urging all the BJP MLAs not to be scared of the father-and-son duo, he asked to them to end the "*Appaji*" (father) culture. "You should call only your father as *appaji*. Stop calling others *appaji*," he said in an obvious reference to BJP leaders respecting Mr. Yediyurappa by referring to him as *appaji*.

CM to hold meeting with NHAI authorities

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah would soon hold a meeting with authorities of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to draw their attention to the need for corrective measures in their plans in some stretches of their highways in the State that are witnessing either landslips or flooding.

Responding to the concerns expressed by the Opposition members about the landslip near Ankola, resulting in seven deaths, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda told the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday that the landslip was suspected to be due to the vertical cutting of the hills by the NHAI to build the highway. It is being said that landslip, which is being witnessed regularly in that area, might not have happened if the hills were cut in a slope instead of vertically, he noted.

He said the Chief Secretary would summon the NHAI authorities to tell them about the need for corrective measures.

However, when Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok suggested that the impact would be more if the Chief Minister himself talks to the NHAI authorities, the Minister accepted such a suggestion.

'Govt. will introduce Bill to stop water theft from canals'

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Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Major and Medium Irrigation D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday informed the Legislative Assembly that the State government would bring in a new law to stop theft of water from irrigation canals by using borewells or motors.

He termed the water theft in canals as "a major problem" in Mandya, Hassan, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Kalaburagi, and other districts having irrigation projects. Many tail-end farmers are not able to receive water for their crops. He would pilot a Bill in a week, he said.

In a reply to a question of Jagadeesh Shivayya Gudagunti of the BJP, on why water under the Tungala-Savalagi lift irrigation project was not reaching the intended last village farmers, Mr. Shivakumar said 90% of the water was being siphoned off.

The government has spent ₹25,000 crore on the Yettinahole project which aims to draw 24 tmcft of water from the Yettinahole in Sakleshpur taluk to meet the drinking water demands of drought-prone districts of Kolar, Chickballapur, Tumakuru, Ramanagara, and parts of Bengaluru. "But I am not sure that water will reach Tumakuru," Mr. Shivakumar said. "We can control water theft in canals. I will introduce a Bill in this regard in a week," he said. Members from the Opposition BJP welcomed the announcement of the proposed legislation.

Pay revision will cost exchequer ₹20,000 cr. a year: Siddaramaiah

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday informed the Legislative Assembly that the State Cabinet meeting held on June 15 accepted the recommendations of the 7th State Pay Commission and that the State would incur an additional expenditure of ₹20,208 crore a year to implement the pay revision.

He said the revised pay scale of government employees would come into effect from August 1, 2024.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaking in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday. PTI

The 7th State Pay Commission was constituted on November 19, 2022, to address the demands for revision of pay, allowance, and pension of State government employees. The pay commission submitted its report on March 24, 2024.

Accordingly, the salary and pensions would be revised by adding 31% dearness allowance and fitment of 27.5% to the basic pay of the employee as of July 1, 2022.

This would increase the basic salary and pension of the employees by 58.5%. There would be an increase of 32% in house rent allowance, he said.

The minimum basic pay of employees would increase from ₹17,000 to ₹27,000. The maximum pay would be revised from ₹1,50,600 to ₹2,41,200.

The minimum pension of employees would be increased from ₹8,500 to ₹13,500 and the maximum pension would be revised from ₹75,300 to ₹1,20,600. The revision would be applicable to non-teaching staff of universities, and employees of aided educational institutions and local bodies.

Provisions had been made in the 2024-25 Budget to meet the expenses, the Chief Minister said.

'Hang my son if he is found guilty'

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Senior JD(S) member and former Minister H.D. Revanna on Tuesday told the Legislative Assembly that his son Prajwal Revanna, former Hassan MP accused of sexual abuse, could be hanged if found guilty.

In his first appearance in the House after his family was embroiled in the Hassan sexual abuse case, Mr. Revanna hit out at Director-General of Police Alok Mohan, dubbing him "unfit" to be the top police officer.

"If my son has committed wrongs, then let him be hanged. I will not say no," said Mr. Revanna, who was also arrested on May 4 in the alleged abduction and illegal confinement case linked to a Hassan sexual abuse case.

JD(S) leader and former Minister H.D. Revanna on the Vidhana Soudha premises on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

JD(S) leader hits out at Director-General of Police Alok Mohan, dubbing him 'unfit' to be the top police officer

Mr. Revanna stood up to speak after Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok drew a comparison between the manner in which the two special investigation teams – one probing the Hassan sexual abuse case and the other probing the alleged multi-crore scam in the Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation – have been functioning.

"I have been a member of this House for 25 years. I have spent 40 years in public life. Against me, some woman is brought to the Director-General's office," he said. The State police chief, he alleged, asked the woman to write a complaint in front of him.

'Expunge the comment'

Irked over the statement of Mr. Revanna and a term he had used to describe the top police officer, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah asked Deputy Speaker Ramappa Lamani, who was in the chair, to expunge the comment.

A call to action for city's apartment complexes and gated communities as dengue cases surge

From spraying and misting to holding online classes, RWAs and residents' collectives are doing their bit to spread awareness on controlling the spread of the vector-borne disease

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A municipal worker fumigates a park in Bengaluru in a bid to kill mosquitoes amidst reports of an increase in dengue cases in the city. PTI

As Bengaluru grapples with a surge in dengue cases, the city's residents are facing a public health challenge. The monsoon season has aggravated the spread of this vector-borne disease, with stagnant water and moderate humidity creating ideal breeding conditions for the Aedes aegypti mosquito, the primary vector for dengue.

As on July 13, Karnataka recorded 9,000 dengue cases this year, with 2,830 cases in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) area alone. With the growing cases, it is imperative that apartment complexes and gated communities take proactive measures to protect their residents and curb the spread of dengue.

To educate apartments and gated communities, the Health Department under the BBMP along with the Bengaluru Apartments' Federation (BAF) is educating residents on how to tackle the situation, by giving out advisories and conducting talks by doctors.

Breeding of mosquitoes

Speaking to *The Hindu*, BBMP's Special Commissioner for Health, Suralkar Vikas Kishor, said that if there is a positive case within an apartment or a gated community, there is an 80% chance that the mosquito has bred in the vicinity. "As far as handling dengue in gated communities and apartments is concerned, we along with the Chief Commissioner have issued guidelines through a video conference to the Bengaluru Apartments' Federation and other resident welfare associations (RWAs) a few days ago. The guideline helps the association understand how mosquitoes breed, what must be done to prevent the spread of dengue and what must be communicated among their residents."

He said that residents need to understand that this mosquito can breed even in fresh water including sump and tanks, but the travel distance of this breed is no more than 10 meters. "If your household is kept clean, you use mosquito nets and repellents, cover yourself when outdoors, and try to do regular fogging of the surroundings, half of the job is done," he added.

Self-care, self-prevention and protection is important, and if there are any symptoms typical of dengue, one must immediately visit a healthcare facility, as it is treated like any other viral infection, Kishor said.

Vikram Rai, president of Bengaluru Apartments' Federation (BAF), said the they have set up a health programme that is issued to every apartment. "A few days ago, we met officials from the BBMP Health Department, and they shared a few tips on how to tackle the dengue situation. We also held talks with a few doctors from a private hospital with all our members online for guidance. Since most of the cases are from the Whitefield area, the talk with hospital has helped amplify the programme," he said.

Preventive measures

"Apart from the collaboration with the BBMP and the hospitals, we have also introduced the Kshema Health Wellness programme. Under this programme, every week we conduct online talks by doctors, on issues like seasonal diseases in children and preventive measures, seasonal diseases in adults with comorbidities and more such issues. These sessions can be accessed by anyone on the BAF Bangalore channel YouTube," Rai adds.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath and his team inspecting a residence in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Residents of apartments and gated communities across the city are finding their own ways to battle dengue. Syed Inayathulla, a member of the RWA of Nandi Shelters Apartments in Turahalli, said the apartment is focused on making sure there is no stagnant water in the entire premises, "Many neighboring apartments that are highly populated started having positive cases for dengue a few weeks ago, and we took action at our apartment immediately. We regularly fog the apartment area to prevent mosquito breeding, but we also understand that stagnant water is the main source for mosquito larvae to breed and the reason for the spread of dengue."

"We have made sure that our water sumps and overhead tanks are completely covered. Many of the solar water heating panels were leaking, leading to stagnant water on the terrace, so we immediately asked our residents to get them fixed."

"Most importantly, almost every house in the apartment has flowering pots, and many require stagnant water for the plants to grow, we have requested the residents to remove such pots until the dengue scare is away," Syed adds.

Misting more effective

Meanwhile, Jayanta Sen, a former member of the RWA of Golden Blossom Apartment in Kadugodi, said misting has been more effective in mosquito breeding prevention, "Dengue is something that happens every year, and we have protocols in place to largely monitor the issue of shallow water standing across the campus. We have fogging done three times a week, throughout the year. But during the dengue or chikungunya season, along with fogging, we also opt for misting."

He explained that misting is like fogging, but more effective. Fogging is helpful to immediately reduce the breeding of mosquitoes in large areas, but misting helps in continuous mosquito control. In misting the technician uses a mist applicator to directly apply the product to targeted locations, the larger droplets are more effective in hitting the targeted areas and kill mosquito eggs before they hatch.

Natural remedies too

Harshitha Rajpurohit, a resident of Candida Apartments in Sanjaynagar, says natural remedies are being used to prevent breeding of mosquitoes.

"We conduct fogging daily or at least on alternate days. However, in recent weeks, we have started spraying organic and herbal insecticides in common areas like parking lots and gardens during the mornings and evenings, as this is when most residents are outside."

"We are also growing medicinal plants such as neem, Tulasi, lemongrass and other plants in pots at our doorsteps and balconies, to help prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. The strong smell from these plants acts as a repellant."

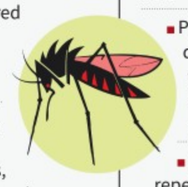
BBMP's dengue advisory

Signs and symptoms

Fever, headache, pain in muscles and joints, haemorrhagic manifestations, and rashes

Breeding sites and control measures

- Aedes mosquitoes breed in water storage containers, both indoor and outdoor
- Elimination of breeding sites plays a crucial role in prevention of dengue
- Water storage containers should be covered to avoid mosquito breeding. They must be scrubbed and cleaned once a week as eggs sticking to inner walls of the containers can be viable for up to a year
- Solid waste material scattered around houses should be disposed of to avoid collection of rainwater
- Defrost tray of refrigerators, pot saucers, containers of ornamental plants, fountains, bird bath etc., should be cleaned periodically to avoid mosquito breeding
- Fish like Guppy and Gambusia, which feed predominantly on mosquito larva, can be released into water storage containers



Personal protection

- As Aedes mosquitoes are mostly day-biters, children should wear full-sleeved clothes
- Senior citizens and children who rest during the daytime should use mosquito nets
- Put mesh on doors and windows to avoid entry of mosquitoes
- Use mosquito repellents, vaporizers
- Thermal fogging is recommended as a routine control measure

Altern Capital launches maiden real estate fund

The fund's strategic focus is on reducing approval and execution risk, setting it apart from its peers. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

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Altern Capital, an investment management company specialising in real estate investments, launched its maiden SEBI-approved Category II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) named JIRAAF AU INDIA REAL ESTATE FUND - I ("JIREF I"). The target size of this fund is ₹250 crore, with an additional greenshoe option of ₹100 crore.

Altern Capital's core strategy for their maiden fund is plotted development and last-mile funding. The fund's strategic focus is on reducing approval and execution risk, setting it apart from its peers. The fund's tenor is four years, as opposed to the typical six-year horizon, emphasizing early project completion, quicker visibility, and reliability of principal and returns for investors, said a release.

AI Growth Private Limited, founded by Saurav Ghosh and Vineet Agrawal and market leader in tech-based innovative fixed-income platforms through its brands "JIRAAF & ALTGRAAF", is the sponsor of JIREF I.

Altern Capital has been built on a robust foundation, with the senior team being led by individuals who collectively possess over 60 years of real estate experience.

Rotary Club of Bangalore to celebrate 90 years by rolling out more community programmes

The club plans to install solar power panels in 100 maternity wards across various primary health centres, ensuring uninterrupted power supply for critical medical equipment

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The Rotary Club of Bangalore, the first club in Mysore State and the second in Southern India, is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year with a series of events and programmes.

Since 1934

An event, which was held at the Rotary House of Friendship earlier this week, sought to mark the organisation's long journey as a pillar of community support since 1934. Some of its achievements include a school providing education to around 500 underprivileged students, the construction of 40 schools in the Malur area, the refurbishment of 125 government schools and a blood bank, which was established around 36 years ago.

The organisation has also helped upgrade several primary health centres on the outskirts of Bengaluru and has been instrumental in organising regular medical camps. Also, as part of its centennial projects, the club aims to educate 10,000 women on adult literacy, empowering them with essential reading and writing skills.

Club members celebrating 90th anniversary of the club.

Gowri Oza, the current president, who has been a member for 26 years, says that her tenure has seen the initiation of significant projects, including a popular annual swimming competition attracting 500 participants. "It is a proud privilege for me to be the president in the 90th year. I am so happy," she says, an opinion mirrored by R. Girish, the additional director and a past club president. "I'm willing to give my time because I find satisfaction in this," he says. The club's projects are generally funded through CSR funds and contributions from Rotary International.

Ambitious projects

Now, the Rotary Club of Bangalore is all set to embark on several other ambitious projects. For instance, the club plans to install solar electricity panels in 100 maternity wards across various primary health centres, ensuring uninterrupted power supply for critical medical equipment. "This year, because it's the 90th year, we will do 90 solar-powered operation theatres in rural Karnataka," says Girish. The club also plans to focus on combating cervical cancer, aiming to make significant strides in prevention and treatment.

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The Hindu.

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State's Plea for More Grain and Kerosene

Bangalore. July 16: The Food Minister, Mr. K.H. Patil, has requested members of Parliament from Karnataka to help the State put pressure on the Centre for allotting more foodgrains and kerosene.

The MPs were briefed by the State Government for the second day to-day and the discussions to-day centred round food, drinking water and fertilizers. Mr. M.Y. Ghorpade, Finance Minister, gave newsmen an account of the discussions. Wheat supplies to the State had been fluctuating from a peak of 30,000 tonnes in January to 3,000 tonnes in March this year.

Teachers' Plea for UGC Scales

Mangalore, July, 16: The need for evolving a wage policy and fixing scales accordingly for teachers and setting up of a second pay commission have been urged by Mrs. B. Padmavati Vittal Rao. MLC and Mr. K. E. Radhakrishna, Joint Secretary of the Karnataka State College Teachers' Association.

Mrs. Padmavathi Vittal Rao said here on Sunday that the Association had been awaiting early implementation of the new UGC scales for college teachers in Karnataka. She regretted that the Government had not yet made up its mind on the issue.

The Association criticised the introduction of cadre and recruitment rules with retrospective effect which had resulted in the reversion of a large number of departmental candidates.

Fusion of flavours Chef Guram Baghdoshvili and some of his creations. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Georgian flavours grace the city

Chef Guram Baghdoshvili, from Georgian roots to global kitchens, redefines traditional dishes with a modern, international twist

Praveen Sudevan

For chef Guram Baghdoshvili, the kitchen is not just a workplace but his destiny. Born and raised in Georgia, a country steeped in culinary tradition, he was by his grandmother's side, absorbing the secrets of generations past. The warmth of the hearth, the enticing aromas, and the joy of creating something tasty shaped his world.

At 13, he found himself in a kitchen not by choice but by necessity. His father passed away, and Guram, the youngest of five siblings, had to work to keep his family afloat.

His culinary journey began in Georgia but blossomed abroad. After 16 years of honing his skills at home, Moscow beckoned for five years. Georgia called him back briefly, but he travelled across Portugal, Spain, Italy, France, and Belgium for the next two decades, exploring and mastering new flavours. He mastered European fine dining at the prestigious El Celler de Can Roca.

These 34 years were a whirlwind of kitchens and cultures. Guram became a star - from being a judge on the Australian cooking show, *My Kitchen Rules*, to gracing magazine covers. He was not just a chef anymore; he was a restaurateur. He even ventured into ownership with Vinotel and Restaurante Anona GEO.

Guram was in Bengaluru last month to present a 10-course dinner at The Leela Palace. The dinner showcased some of the finest Georgian dishes, such as pkhali (made of chopped and minced vegetables like beetroot, spinach, walnuts, and allums), sea bass kindzmari (sea bass fillet, coriander, and garlic), and shares (a decadent dessert with cinnamon, dates biscuits, walnut jam, and other things). The event was in association with Conosh, a Bengaluru-based online food platform.

India is a special place for Guram for two reasons: its rich flavours and its cinema. During the Cold War, with limited access to Western culture, Indian films filled the void for Soviet audiences. So, while working in Moscow, he was surrounded by people watching Hindi cinema and serials. He even name-drops Raj Kapoor and Dev Anand in his thick Russian accent.

Working alongside a chef who knew Goan cuisine in Portugal (Goa is a former Portuguese colony) also deepened his Indian connection.

"It's fascinating how our upbringings shape our cooking. Growing up in the Soviet Union during a time obsessed with Indian cinema, that culture wasn't exotic to me. It felt familiar, almost ingrained. Little did I know, this connection would come full circle later in life," he says.

The chef finds Bengaluru a pleasant place. "The fauna and flora here are simply great–the flowery trees and plants, the bats in the trees. Also, the weather–it's vegetables. I have been enjoying my stay," he smiles.

Guram is impressed with the local restaurants, too. He lunched at Nagarjuna. "We enjoyed the authentic way we had to eat the food. No fork, no knife, no plates. We just used our hands on the banana leaf," he chuckles. Biriyani and naan with butter chicken are his favourite Indian dishes.

Guram sees a surprising kinship between Georgian and Indian food. "We both use a touch of spice, a hint of heat, to wake up the flavours. The spice trade routes had India whispering secrets to the Caucasus, including Georgia. We use some common staple ingredients like coriander. Take a bite of Georgian food, and there might be a hint of something familiar," he says. (Some of the dips in the dinner did remind us of chutneys.)

Guram is not content with simply recreating tradition. He wants to expand Georgia's flavour profiles. He is a culinary remixer, taking classic dishes and putting them through a global spin. For example, he transformed thick Georgian stews (Lobio) into bite-sized croquettes inspired by Portuguese cuisine.

"You see, Georgia has a long history, and for a small country surrounded by powerful enemies, there wasn't always time to get fancy with food. It was simple cooking - fire, meat, whatever else was on hand. But now, I'm taking that foundation and using my global experiences to push the boundaries and create a whole new space for Georgian cuisine," he says.

Lifted from life Director BR Rajashekhar (below), a still from *Back Benchers*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Campus caper evokes nostalgia

Shilpa Anandraj

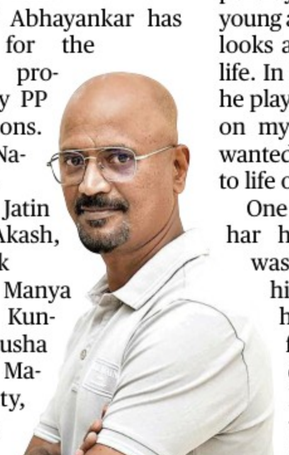
College life! No matter what age one is, it may be the best years of life. Perhaps, that is one of the reasons why there are so many Kannada films set on a college campus. If the '80s were fascinated with campus romance in Ravichandran's *Prema Loka*, Upendra's *Om* looked at the campus as a brewing ground for gansters. Then came the campus comedies, with Rakshit Shetty's *Kirik Party* winning favour at the box office and with the audience.

Writer, director and producer, BR Rajashekhar's *Back Benchers*, releasing on July 19, is the latest in the genre. "College life will always remain special as that is the age when so much is happening in our lives, emotionally, educationally and socially," says Rajshekar at his swanky, leather-panelled office in Gandhinagar.

"I had a great college life. I was known for my humour and impromptu standup acts on campus. I decided it was time I wrote and directed a campus story. *Back Benchers* is all about laughs and fun."

The director credits popular actor-director, Suchendra Prasad, for the making of *Back Benchers*. "I wrote the story and script four years ago. I was reluctant to make the film as the story demanded actors who are in their early 20s. We needed experienced actors to pull off the comedy. Since the film runs on comedy, I was hesitant to cast newcomers, as I was not sure if they could pull off comedy on screen."

Comedy, Rajashekhar says, is one of the toughest genres to portray on screen. "That is when Suchendra auditioned around 700 aspiring actors from theatre and NSD, of which 30 were chosen to act in the film."



Nakul Abhayankar has scored for the film, produced by PP Productions. Ranjan Narasimha Murthy, Jatin Aryan, Akash, Shashank Singh, Manya Gouda, Kunkum, Anusha Suresh, Manoj Shetty, Namitha Gouda are some of the actors making their debut in the film. "The only established actors on screen are Suchendra and theatre actor, Aravind Kuplikar (*Puksatte Lifu*).

While Rajashekhar has produced quite a few Kannada films, *Back Benchers* is his fourth as a director. His last release as producer was the thriller, *Trikona*, which he wrote. The film featured Suresh Heblikar, Julie Lakshmi, Sudha Rani and Achyuth Kumar in pivotal roles.

"I wanted to direct *Trikona*, but could not as I was tied up with other projects." Rajashekhar wanted to direct *Back Benchers* as he knew exactly what he wanted to portray on the screen. The film was shot in Bengaluru at NSB College campus in Electronic city. "It is an MBA academy and they were so kind to let out the campus to us for 20 days."

Rajashekhar is waiting to see how the audience reacts to Suchendra Prasad's character. "He is always seen as a morose father, serious lecturer or freedom fighter. Here he portrays a man who is young at heart, who always looks at the bright side of life. In a way the character he plays on screen is based on my personality and I wanted only him to bring it to life on screen."

One condition Rajashekhar had for Suchendra was that he acted like him on screen. "I have made this film for youngsters and dedicate it to all college goers. The film will appeal to others too, due to its mature, yet comical storyline. I only hope the audience enjoys the film as much as I enjoyed making it."

Bengaluru dosa's crisp soliloquy to Kolkata

Shreya Banerjee

South side up Dosa and masala idli at Kolkata's Mysore Canteen. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The tables at Mysore Canteen are still warm from the touch of a previous customer. Stained with coconut chutney, blots of sambar here and there, a few remaining crumbs of thatte idli lie scattered. It is 11am at Kolkata's business district Sector 5 and the newly opened Mysore Canteen has already registered more than 10 food orders.

Started by Prem Prakash, a supply chain professional and his wife Shwetha Kotian, a former hospitality industry professional, Prem says that Mysore Canteen is his first venture and a tribute to his family.

"My father is a Malayali and my mother is a Bengali, but I was raised in Bangalore. When I come to Kolkata I often crave Karnataka-style dosas which are a golden crisp on the outside, but soft and slightly thicker on the inside – quite different from dosas served in Chennai, Andhra Pradesh or Kerala," explains Prem.

Currently, in a soft launch stage, the canteen began operating on June 17. The airy and sunlight-filled 700 square foot eatery has been registering an average of 120 orders daily. "Our order numbers are gradually increasing, and people in Kolkata are receiving the flavours quite well," says Shwetha.

Barring vegetables, all ingredients such as ghee, rice, urad dal and the popular Kotha's coffee are sourced from Bengaluru.

"The idea behind keeping a short and simple menu was to not give customers a brain freeze. There is no competing with Kolkata when it comes to sweets so we have only the Mysore palkova and gajar ka halwa," says Prem.

We order the ghee podi dosa, thatte idli, masala idli, Mysore palkova and a cup of filter coffee.

Soon, a plate with a golden brown dosa generously lathered with podi comes our way with three kinds of chutnies. We dip it in the sepia-tinted goodness of a balanced sambar and what comes across is a thick yet crunchy dosa, with the coarsely grounded spices from the podi scattering itself frivolously in our mouth.

The thatte idli and the masala idlis are as soft as the Victoria sponge cake. The warm spongy masala idli is imbued with vegetables, and a secret mix of ground spices which feels like a hug from home.

The silky thatte idli cleanses our palate with its seamless texture and tangy aftertaste.

As we wash down the food with freshly brewed filter coffee, the Mysore palkova arrives in an unassuming bowl made of sal leaves.

Mysore Canteen gives a spin to the original palkova from Tamil Nadu by breaking away from its original thick texture. It is sticky and gooey, infused with almonds, khoya, and milk powder. A team of experienced cooks from Bengaluru, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Calcutta, are at the helm of Mysore Canteen's affairs.

The Mysore Canteen is at Netguru Building, 4, GP Block, Sector V, Bidhannagar. A meal for two costs approximately ₹400.

CITYBEATS

Fruit and nut

ONGOING
Naturals Ice Cream's new limited edition flavour, Orange Pistachio, is now in stores. Relish orange barfi combined with the flavours of Turkish delight. Made with real oranges, creamy milk and roasted pistachios, this treat bursts with zest and nutty goodness.
Available at Naturals outlets and online delivery platforms.

Vinyl vibes

JULY 19
A night of pure vinyl music beckons at Indiranagar SOCIAL featuring Tuhin Mehta and Vachan Chinnappa spinning an epic all-vinyl set. They promise an unforgettable evening of music and dance.
At Indiranagar SOCIAL. From 7pm onwards. RSVP required. For more information, call 8657896572/73 or visit insider.in.

Walk in the park

JULY 20
Join artists Juan Ferrer and Natalia Cabrera for a walk in Cubbon Park, exploring lichens and their symbiotic relationships. This event invites you to imagine and design symbiotic creatures.
At Band Stand, Cubbon Park, from 8am to 10am. Participation free but registration required. Register at map-india.org.

Six killed in heavy rain in Kerala

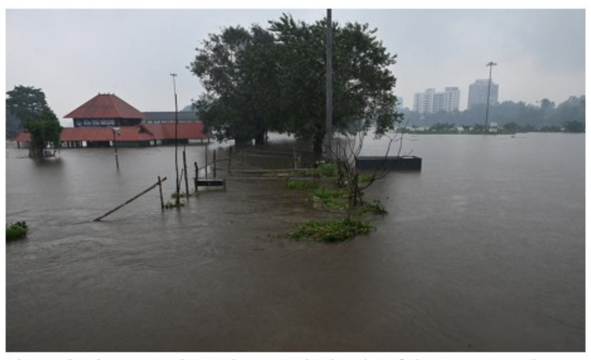
Fire and Rescue Services personnel in Palakkad rescue four Karnataka natives; govt. bans entry of tourists to some spots

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A day after heavy rain powered by a strong westerly pounded Kerala, the intensity of rain subsided relatively on Tuesday, though parts of north and central Kerala continued to receive heavy rain accompanied by gusty winds.

As many as six people lost their lives in the State on Tuesday in connection with rain-related incidents. Reji, 48, was electrocuted in Pathanamthitta after he reportedly stepped on a livewire.

In another incident, Kunjamina, 51, and Chandrashekaran, 63, died after they fell into waterbodies at Mattannur and Chokli, respectively, in Kannur.



The Mahadeva temple in Aluva on the banks of the Periyar is almost submerged following incessant rain on Tuesday. THULASI KAKKAT

In Palakkad, a woman and her son were killed after the wall of their house collapsed in heavy rain on Monday night. The deceased have been identified as Sulochana, 54, and her son Ranjith, 33.

In another incident, Sudhan, 32, of Ezhuathimoonnu hamlet at Cheeyambam, was electrocuted after he stepped on a live electric wire.

Fire and Rescue Services personnel in Palakkad rescued four people, including an elderly woman, trapped in the Chitturpuzha, near Chittur. They were bathing and washing clothes in the river near Alamkadavu causeway when the water level suddenly rose following heavy discharge from the Moolathara regulator. All the four, hailing from Mysuru in Karnataka, who sought refuge on a rock in the river, were rescued by the Fire and Rescue Services personnel. They were trapped in the river for two hours before being rescued.

Heavy rain in the catchment areas of the Aliyar dam in Tamil Nadu forced the authorities to release 808 cusecs in the morning.

In Pathanamthitta, 27 houses were damaged in the rain.

Authorities have banned entry of tourists to destinations such as Marmala waterfalls, Ilaveezhapoonjira, and Illikkal Kallu until further notice. Night traffic on the high-range road from Erattupetta to Wagamon has also been banned until July 18.

In Kottayam, as per initial estimates, 16 houses were damaged after uprooted trees fell on them. The India Meteorological Department has issued an orange alert for five districts from Malappuram to Kasaragod warning of very heavy rain on Wednesday, and a yellow alert for the remaining districts, except Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam, forecasting heavy rain.

A bulletin issued by the IMD says the rain is likely to continue across the State for the next five days.

A fresh low pressure area is likely to form in the Bay of Bengal on July 19.

Kannada theatre, film personality Sadananda Suvarna no more

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Veteran Kannada theatre and film personality Sadananda Suvarna, 92, passed away at a private hospital in Mangaluru on Tuesday. He was suffering from age-related ailments.

He was best-known for his 13-part television series *Guddada Bhoota* that he produced and directed for Doordarshan in 1991, and an eight-part documentary on Kannada writer K. Shivarama Karanth. His collaboration with noted auteur Girish Kasaravalli resulted in several cinematic masterpieces.

Hailing from Mulki in Dakshina Kannada district, Mr. Suvarna spent over five decades of his life in Mumbai. He worked as a teacher and later, for nearly three decades, as a dealer in wall paint. He was one of the leading lights of Kannada theatre in Mumbai. In later years, he shifted to Mangaluru, where he remained active in theatre. He had directed hundreds of plays and adapted many to the stage, in Kannada and Tulu.

While in Mumbai, he used to run a film society, Srushti, which screened only Indian language films,

Sadananda Suvarna

while most of the other film societies showed foreign language films. Through the film society movement, he came in touch with the parallel cinema movement of the 1970s.

Mr. Kasaravalli said, "A week after I finished my course at the Film and Television Institute of India, I met him at a film festival. He was trying to make a film based on the script of *Guddada Bhoota*, and asked me to assist him. But I had already worked as an assistant director in two films and was looking to direct a film. I submitted the script of *Ghatashraddha*, which he liked and produced." *Ghatashraddha* went on to win the Swarna Kamal award for best film that year.

Mr. Suvarna directed only one film, *Kubi Mattu Iyala*, based on a short story by K.P. Poornachandra Tejaswi. He worked as an executive producer on many films, including *Mane*, Kraurya, and *Tabarana Kathe*, all of which were directed by Mr. Kasaravalli and which went on to win several awards. Mr. Kasaravalli, in turn, worked as a creative director on the serial *Guddada Bhoota*. "He was one person who never minced words and never tried to please anybody. I shared all my scripts with him and waited for his response, as it was very honest," Mr. Kasaravalli said.

The duo had worked on several other projects, though not all of them materialised.

23.73% students pass II PU annual exam-3 in Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

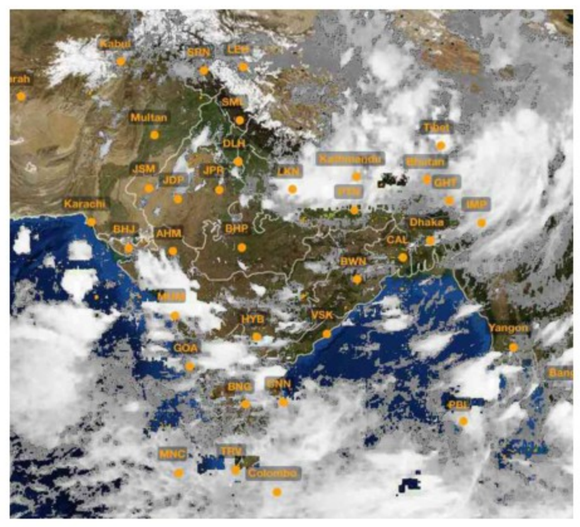
The Karnataka Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) has announced the results of II PU annual exam-3 on Tuesday and the pass percentage was 23.73. Of the 75,466 students who appeared for the exam, 17,911 managed to pass.

Compared to annual exam-2, the number of students who appeared for exam-3 reduced by 50%. As many as 1,48,942 students appeared for the annual exam-2, and 52,505 managed to pass. As per details given by the board, 4,464 students appeared for annual exam-3 to improve their performance. Compared to the annual exam-2, there was a dip in registration in Science. In annual exam-3, 30,498 students appeared from Arts, 25,264 from Commerce, and 19,713 from Science. The pass percentage is highest among Science students with 27.06%, followed by 23.19% from Commerce, and 21.71% from Arts.

In the annual exam-3, around 1,750 appeared for Chemistry and 390 have seen positive improvement in their score. In Physics, of the 1,722 who appeared, 611 saw improvements; in Maths 1,419 appeared to improve their marks of which 142 received positive changes. Apart from Science subjects, English witnessed more registrations with 1,145 students, of which 677 got positive changes in marks.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	6	35.4	26.4	Kozhikode	124	27.8	23.8
Ahmedabad	—	34.2	25.4	Kurnool	14	32.4	24.1
Aizawl	65	32.2	23.4	Lucknow	—	37.0	29.8
Allahabad	—	37.7	29.1	Madurai	1	34.8	25.1
Bengaluru	0.1	25.7	20.2	Mangaluru	26.2	27.8	23.6
Bhopal	—	33.4	26.2	Mumbai	49	30.3	25.2
Bhubaneswar	8.9	33.8	26.8	Mysuru	2	25.4	—
Chandigarh	—	37.4	31.0	New Delhi	2.7	38.4	29.1
Chennai	2	32.3	27.1	Patna	—	34.6	29.6
Coimbatore	13	28.2	22.2	Port Blair	4	30.0	24.8
Dehradun	0.1	35.2	26.3	Puducherry	1.3	30.0	25.0
Gangtok	18	23.0	19.0	Pune	0.8	30.8	22.9
Goa	177	26.4	24.5	Raipur	—	33.9	25.5
Guwahati	30	32.0	27.2	Ranchi	6	28.4	23.5
Hubballi	—	25.0	23.0	Shillong	7	24.2	18.3
Hyderabad	0.4	28.0	23.6	Shimla	—	27.6	22.2
Imphal	—	31.9	23.5	Srinagar	—	32.5	17.5
Jaipur	—	36.4	28.4	Thiruvananthapuram	45	30.5	23.1
Kochi	60	27.2	24.0	Tiruchi	1	31.5	24.6
Kohima	—	28.9	19.1	Vijayawada	33	32.6	25.2
Kolkata	15	33.7	26.9	Visakhapatnam	—	31.2	26.7

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.15	..36	48	 49	61	.....
Bengaluru	.14	..36	77	 21	58	.....
Chennai	...5	7	96	 33	31	.....
Delhi	.12	..52	45	 78	...188	.....
Hyderabad	...8	..11	27	 82	86	.....
Kolkata	...9	..22	42	 19	20	.....
Lucknow	...9	..15	18	 85	...112	.....
Mumbai	..—	..75	58	 33	31	.....
Pune	..—	..32	69	 33	43	.....
Visakhapatnam	...9	..56	28	 61	...108	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Gurugram, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 227 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No: MainOSnT_Assets DSTE_SBC, Dated: 05.07.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Signal & Telecommunication Maintenance Contract over jurisdiction of Dy. Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Bengaluru section for 2 years in Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 2,79,00,101.77

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 02.08.2024**
For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in
Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Bengaluru
PUB/275/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

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Tender Notice No: MainOSnT_Assets ADSTEIISBC, Dated: 05.07.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
SWR-Bengaluru Division: Maintenance of Signal & Telecommunication assets in the jurisdiction of Asst. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/II/ Bengaluru over Bengaluru Division for 2 years.	Rs. 4,69,34,173.77

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 02.08.2024**
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Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Bengaluru
PUB/274/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25
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METROS, ANNA SALAI, NANDANAM, CHENNAI - 600 035.
NIT No: CMRL/PHASE–II/SYS/C4-ASA10A/2024
E-procurement Tender-Funding by New Development Bank (NDB)
International Competitive Bidding
e-TENDER No: C4-ASA10A
CMRL invites open e-tender through e-procurement portal from reputed, experienced, financially sound, eligible applicants, who fulfill the qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) as detailed below:
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Please refer websites **www.chennaimetrorail.org** or **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app** for further information.
DIPR/2352/TENDER/2024
Director (System & Operations)

Govt of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI
No: EE/PWD/DIV/KLB/TS-6/Tender Notification/2024-25/ 1315 Dated: 15-07-2024
:: TENDER NOTIFICATION ::
1) Name of Work: Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi Invites tender (KW- 4) for 8443 Deposit contribution 01 work of Indent No: **11086** tender is called through KPPP Portal for the year 2023-24, 2) Estimated Cost: **Rs. 595.00 Lakhs,** 3) Amount Put to Tender: **Rs. 504.23 Lakhs,** 4) Eligibility of Contractor: PWD, Registered Contractors: Class-I Qualified to tender for works upto any amount, Class-II Qualified to tender for works upto Rs. 5.00 Crores, Class-III Qualified to tender for works upto Rs. 2.00 Crores, 5) Tender fees and EMD details: Application Fees as per e-procurement EMD Rs.7,60,000.00, 6) Pre Bid Meeting: **29/07/2024 upto 11.00 Hrs**, 7) Last date for queries: **01/08/2024 upto 17.30 Hrs** 8) Last date for submission of tender: **05/08/2024 upto 16.00 Hrs.** 9) Date of opening of Technical Bid: **07/08/2024 at 16:30 Hrs.**10) Date of opening of Financial Bid: **09/08/2024 at 16.30 Hrs**, 11) Enquiries: Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 12) website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**, 13) Bidders Should Note That: Note: 1) Undersigned reserves the right to Cancel / Postpone/ Reject any or all the tenders at any point of time during tender process without assigning any reason. 2) Changes in the tender process will not be Published in the News Papers Bidders may get Details of Changes In KPPP Portal Only.
Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD Division Kalaburagi
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Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs) / Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
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(Through KPP Portal Only)
RPCL invites bids from reputed agencies / manufacturers / authorised dealers or service providers for following works **1) No.: KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1727 Dt.: 09.07.2024:** Availing of services of expert personnel (EX BHEL) for supervision of overhauling works of boiler & its auxiliaries of Unit -1 & 2. Amount put to tender including GST : **Rs. 47,02,300/-** EMD: **Rs. 94,500/-** Period of Contract : **12 Months. 2) No.: KPCL/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT1667/CALL-2 Dt.:10.07.2024:** RPCL- 2X800mw YTPS - Repair / Rewinding / Rectification of 11KV, 3800KW vertical CW Pump 1D motor of Unit # 1 at YTPS. Amount put to Tender : **Rs. 22.60 Lakhs (including GST).** EMD: **Rs. 55,200/-** Contract Period: **2 Months from the date of issue of clearance / work front.** Last date for receipt of tender : *(For Sl. No. 1)* : **23.07.2024 upto 16:30 hrs.** *(For Sl. No. 2)* : **20.07.2024 upto 16:30 hrs.** Further details can be accessed from GoK KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and Executive Engineer(M-1) / Executive Engineer (E-1)YT, Mobile:L 9480682551, RPCL, YTPS, Yermarus - 584 134, Raichur Dist.

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Civil Engineering Department, Central Office, Hubballi
No/NWKT/EE/HBL/DB(T)/ 218 /2024-25 Date : 16 /07/2024
TENDER NOTIFICATION
Item rate tenders in **Two Cover System** are invited through **GOK KPPP Portal** as per **KTPP Standard Tender Documents** for the following works from appropriate class of Registered Class – 2 and above Civil Contractors in KPWD/CPWD/MES as per the schedule given below. Eligible contractors can participate in the tender by confirming the other details which will be published in https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in KPPP Portal. Any changes in Tender Notification will be published in KPPP Portal only; separate paper notification will not be issued.

Sl no	Name of the Work	Notification No.	Amount put to tender (Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Last date & Time for Submission of tender
1	Concreting to the balance parking area and other development works in Bus station at Haliyal.	NWKRTC/ 2024-25/RD/ WORK_INDENT 24	**1,49,26,700/-**	**2,23,901/-**	**01.08.2024,** Time :16.00 Hrs
2	Concreting to the balance parking area and other development works in New Bus station at Dharwad.	NWKRTC/ 2024-25/RD/ WORK_INDENT 23	**2,23,89,300/-**	**3,35,840/-**	**14.08.2024,** Time :16.00 Hrs

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Central Office, Hubballi
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KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A GOVT OF KARNATAKA ENTERPRISE)
Office of Executive Engineer, KNNL, Bhima Lift Irrigation Scheme, Division, Afzalpur- 585301, Email: eeblis@rediffmail.com
No:EE/ KNNL/BLIS/AFZ/TS-1/2024-25/222 Date: 06/07/2024
:: PERCENTAGE SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::
(only Through e-procurement)
On behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Bhima Lift Irrigation Scheme, Division, Afzalpur invites percentage Tenders for the below mentioned works from eligible contractors,
1) Name of work : Name of works (Total 02 Works) as per e-portal will be as per the Indent Numbers **(1293,1294),** 2) Approximate amount put to tender (Rs. Lakhs) : **From Rs. 135.55 Lakhs to Rs. 135.58 Lakhs.** (as per e-portal), 3) EMD (Rs.): Rs. 2,05,000/- (as per e-portal), 4) Tender Processing Fee (Non refundable) : As per E-procurement, 5) Eligible contractor : KPWD class-2 or Above registration (as per e-portal), 6) Stipulated period of Work: 9 months. (as per e-portal.
The dates fixed for submission of tenders through e-procurement is from **16.07.2024 upto 25.07.2024 4.00 PM**, Technical Bid will be opened on **26.07.2024, at 4.15 PM.** and Financial Bid will be opened on **29.07.2024, at 11:00 AM** for further information, the undersigned may be contacted during office hours, and e-portal website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, Bhima LIS Division, Afzalpur-585301
DIPR/Kalaburagi/214/KSMC&A/2024-25

Surprise acceleration

Erratic rains make the goal of curbing inflation more challenging

Retail price gains registered a surprise acceleration last month with June's provisional Consumer Price Index (CPI) reading showing inflation snapping a five-month downtrend and quickening to 5.08%, 28 basis points faster than the 4.80% logged in May. Food prices were, as expected, the main culprit. Year-on-year food price inflation based on the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) quickened by 67 basis points in June to a worrying 9.36%. Even more disconcertingly, the CFPI logged the fastest sequential acceleration in 11 months, as food prices rose by 3.17% from May's levels and dragged the broader CPI too higher by 1.33% from the preceding month. It is precisely this kind of unpredictability in food price gains that monetary policymakers have been concerned about in opting to leave interest rates unchanged. RBI Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra had been emphatic in observing at the Monetary Policy Committee's meeting last month that "the Indian economy remains hostage to intersecting food price shocks. Their repetitive occurrence calls for intensifying monetary policy vigil to ward off spillovers to other components of inflation and to expectations". Food price data show that the CFPI's nine sub-categories posted month-on-month gains, with eight of them, except the sugar and condiments group, registering sequential accelerations. Vegetables continued to experience the most intense price gains, rising 29.3% year-on-year and by a worrying 11-month-high sequential pace of 14.2%. The most widely consumed potato, onion and tomato continued to log some of the fastest gains, with their prices rising year-on-year by 57.6%, 58.5% and 26.4%, respectively.

Nor does the outlook for food prices offer much comfort. Data on the Department of Consumer Affairs Price Monitoring Division's website shows that the all-India average retail price of potato and onion continued to remain on a tear as on July 15, being almost 56% and 67% higher, respectively, than a year earlier. And tomato prices, though almost 43% softer than 12 months ago, were 76% higher than in mid-June, likely signalling a shift in its price momentum. Prices of cereals, the largest constituent of the food basket, too offered little respite with the average retail price of rice and wheat running almost 10% and 6% higher than a year earlier, respectively. Also, IMD data as on July 14 reveal that countrywide precipitation since June 1 was still not only at a 2% deficit, but also spatially skewed. Eleven of India's 36 meteorological sub-divisions were still classified 'deficient', meaning these regions had received 20%-59% lower rainfall than the long-period average. With some key food growing areas including Punjab seeing deficient rains, policymakers face an unenviable task in trying to slow the pace of inflation.

National spirit

Euro and Copa kindled nationalist sentiments across Europe and Americas

There has long been an apprehension among football's romantics that clubs were slowly chipping away at the popularity of the international game. Franchises awash with money buy the best players from the global market while national sides had to work within silos. And wherever the best talent goes, play tends to be better, and the long club seasons provide ample time and space for tactics to develop, styles to evolve, and thereby skew spectator interest. Yet, as Sunday's happenings in Berlin and Miami showed, there is still nothing that stirs the passion of a football fan like international success. Spain's triumph for a fourth time in the European Championship and Argentina's for a 16th time in the Copa America sent their nations into frenzied celebrations even as the vanquished, England – for a second straight edition – and Colombia, went into deep mourning. Spain's victory came courtesy some astute coaching from Luis de la Fuente and the playmaking genius of Rodri. It also had an ideal mix of experience and youth as it played the best football and outclassed heavyweights Germany, France and England back to back. Argentina, helmed by Lionel Scaloni and captained by Lionel Messi, huffed and puffed, needing a penalty shootout and extra-time to win two of the three knock-out matches.

The two continental competitions witnessed breathtaking performances by youngsters such as Spanish wingers Lamine Yamal (17) and Nico Williams (22), German attacker Jamal Musiala (21), Venezuelan defender Jon Aramburu (21) and Brazilian forward Savinho (20). Georgia and Turkey mesmerised with high-throttle attacking football, while Canada made a rousing maiden run to the Copa semifinal. James Rodriguez-inspired Colombia redeemed itself by reaching the Copa final after missing the 2022 World Cup. However, defending Euro champion Italy and a Neymarless Brazil disappointed. Kylian Mbappe's France, a semifinalist, was largely ordinary. The tournaments also marked the end of the international careers of Germany's Toni Kroos and Argentina's Angel Di Maria. But Cristiano Ronaldo (39) and Messi (37) – who has won a World Cup and two Copa Americas in the last three years – have not shut the door yet. The only sour note in an otherwise enthralling month of football was the below-par organisation of the Copa America in the United States. Complaints about pitches, training facilities and ticket prices abounded. The final was delayed by more than an hour because of fan unrest. Uncomfortable questions will surely be raised, for the U.S., along with Canada and Mexico, hosts the 48-team World Cup in 2026.

Centralised examinations have not aced the test

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In 2017, the Government of India established the National Testing Agency (NTA) to conduct entrance examinations for professional courses. Envisioned to conduct multiple choice question (MCQ)-type of examinations in electronic mode, the NTA was to have specialists in the science of testing to set up appropriate question banks and also evaluator frameworks and organisational expertise. The NTA, that conducts more than 15 entrance examinations for various higher education institutions including the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for central university admissions and the post-graduate admissions in medical and University Grants Commission (UGC) courses, is a lean and thin organisation, with most of the work outsourced. It is headed by a chairman and an Indian Administrative Service officer working as the chief executive officer, neither of whom have the required competence to build an institution as contemplated.

Pertinent questions

Contrary to the grand vision, the NTA conducts examinations in pen to paper mode that provides huge scope for malpractice – from the setting of the paper, to its printing, distribution and final delivery to a large number of examination centres – 4,750 for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (Undergraduate), or NEET-UG, for admission in undergraduate medical courses. The fiasco this year in the conduct of the NEET-UG has created dismay and a complete loss of trust in the NTA's ability or willingness to conduct a fair examination. The question is could this have been avoided? And what needs to be done to ensure the integrity of the examination system in India?

NEET, which is conducted by the NTA, was conceived with the best intentions but has gone hopelessly wrong due to faulty and incompetent implementation. The idea was to standardise the quality of students aspiring to become doctors, which is an important concern given the varying standards of school boards across India. Its flawed implementation, the widespread leakage of question papers, the arbitrary manner of awarding grace marks, conducting a re-examination for just a handful of students, and now tinkering with the ranking have all made the whole process murky.

Over a month has passed. Instead of ordering a re-examination – that would have been the most straightforward and fairest way of handling the issue – all this tampering with the results has only deepened distrust and raised difficult questions. How is the government convinced that the leaks are localised, only to Patna and Godhra, when the arrests of wrongdoers are being reported from more than four to five States? Or, is it that the government is uncertain of the NTA's capability to conduct a flawless re-examination of NEET, giving rise to even more serious concern?

> While a review of the centralised testing mechanism for higher education institutions is necessary, what has been missed out is the damage to the school system

The Supreme Court of India has stepped in and is hearing petitions. The government has said that it intends starting the counselling process (the final stage for admissions), from the third week of July. This is an examination where rank is critical. Those with higher ranks get admission to government institutions, getting quality education at subsidised rates. The fact that the cut-off percentages in previous years were in the abysmal range of 19% to 22% indicates how several students with a decent rank were unable to get admission due to high capitation fees, forcing the cut-off percentage to be reduced. This is shameful and needs reflection.

In the wake of widespread fears of the integrity of other national tests having been compromised and after the below par functioning of the NTA, the government has now constituted a seven-member high-level committee of experts chaired by the former chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation, K. Radhakrishnan. Its terms of reference are: reforming the mechanism of the examination process to forestall any possible breach, and based on a review of the standard operating procedures, suggesting monitoring mechanisms; improving data security protocols to enhance the robustness of the examination; making recommendations on the structure and the functioning of the NTA; defining the roles and the responsibilities of functionaries at all levels, and establishing a responsive grievance redress mechanism. These are basic issues that ought to have been examined and addressed when the NTA was formed. Clearly, the governance mechanism seems to have collapsed somewhere along the way.

Decentralisation as a workable option

Reports of widespread cheating and leakages in examinations conducted at the national levels force us to reconsider and review the centralised testing mechanism for higher education institutions. There are options. Why cannot the central government restrict testing for entry to its own institutions and decentralise, where States fill up their own seats on the basis of entrance examinations? This could be based on a standard template that can be prepared by the central government to ensure that the requisite standards are maintained for the test and the evaluator framework.

Testing bodies could be restructured to incorporate domain experts, testing experts and also IT measures of not just testing tools but also cyber safety and multiple types of safeguards that are necessary to conduct large-scale exams in a fair manner and where every decimal counts for a student.

Of all the options listed, the case for decentralisation seems strong and appropriate for our present-day conditions. The examinations that 24 lakh students appear for to fill one lakh seats are high stake tests, bitterly contested and fraught with risk.

Strong vested interests and criminal elements would want to do everything to undermine streamlined systems of merit-based entrance to professional education or to coveted universities and colleges. This would include selling examination papers for financial gain. Decentralising the examination processes to States and different governing entities could reduce the element of risk. The central government's role could be to mandate the standard to be followed for higher education institutions.

Rejuvenate the schooling system

While the integrity of a national or State-level examination is in the spotlight, what has certainly been missed out in the public discourse is the gradual ruination of the school system which is responsible for creating the citizens of tomorrow. With the emergence of national-level common entrance examinations for every professional course or university course, school-leaving examinations have become redundant and there are now 'dummy' schools. Instead, coaching centres have mushroomed with the sole purpose of preparing students for these national examinations.

The growth of the coaching industry has damaged the schooling system insidiously and relentlessly. This trend has to be stemmed and the value of schools restored by introducing a percentage of school-leaving marks to the final score of the candidates' entrance examination. This was factored in the entrance examination to the Indian Institutes of Technology some years ago but was abandoned without debate. If we cannot safeguard merit, based on good school education, our schooling system will decay even further. Standards of academic competency, hard work and good values that are built up at the school level can never be achieved at the time of higher studies, when a student is much older and is poised for the world of work. This is an issue that needs to be addressed urgently.

Heatwaves are evaporating the right to play

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Play is universal, transcending national, cultural, and socio-economic boundaries. According to UNICEF, play is vital for children to build social connections, develop physical and mental health, and enhance creativity. Enshrined in Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the right to play underscores its significance for a child's well-being and development. Playful interactions contribute to the positive mental health of parents, caregivers, and children, offering respite from adverse experiences. They are a means to process and explore the world. Recognising its importance, the United Nations declared June 11, 2024, as International Day of Play.

However, children are often deprived of this right. According to the 'Value of Play' report by The Real Play Coalition (IKEA, the LEGO Foundation, National Geographic and Unilever), globally, one in five children does not have the time to play, and one in 10 children gets no outdoor play. In India, leisure and access to public spaces to play are linked to socio-economic disparities and social identity, including caste, class, disability, and gender. Unfortunately, climate change is emerging as a fierce competitor to these barriers. With extreme weather events and rising temperatures, climate change is limiting the time children get to engage with their peers and the world around them through play.

India's ranking, South Asia's problem

UNICEF's Children's Climate Risk Index (CCRI) report 2021 suggests that with a rank of 26 out of 163 countries, India is among the countries where children are most at climate risk. With floods, heatwaves, and droughts impacting families and children more frequently than ever before, heatwaves, in particular, are making outdoor play increasingly unsafe. India has been experiencing more frequent and severe heat waves, with temperatures soaring to record levels. These extreme conditions not only limit a child's ability to play outdoors but also pose significant health risks. A recent analysis by UNICEF revealed that South Asia has the highest percentage of children exposed to extreme high temperatures compared to other regions. In India, heatwaves have also led to school closures and restricted outdoor activities to protect children. This can have long-term impacts on their physical and mental health.

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The lack of play opportunities also disproportionately affects children from disadvantaged backgrounds, exacerbating existing inequalities and perpetuating cycles of poverty. Urbanisation and environmental degradation are reducing the availability of safe play spaces, especially in low-income communities where playgrounds are often non-existent or poorly maintained. The houses are often overcrowded and small, limiting opportunities for indoor play. Research shows that limited access to safe play spaces hinders a child's physical and cognitive development, leading to long-term economic impacts such as a less skilled workforce and higher social welfare costs. A global survey on climate anxiety among children and young people has also revealed heightened climate-anxiety and disillusionment with the role of governments in supporting them, with these feelings also impacting their daily lives.

Adaptive measures

To avoid this long-term impact, we need to focus on implementing bioclimatic design principles in playground infrastructure and integrating urban planning strategies. This involves introducing green spaces and cooling corridors within cities, which will help mitigate urban heat island effect (intensified by an abundance of concrete-based construction) and provide safe-play environments for children.

Further, opening time and access to existing infrastructure and green spaces such as parks should be expanded. In many cities across India, local communities and sometimes municipal governments themselves enforce park closures during certain times of the day which further limit the opportunities for children to play. There is often user conflict in public parks along the lines of age – older citizens versus children and along socio-economic classes.

A concerted effort is required to address these issues locally and without discrimination. Local communities can also come together to create shaded areas in parks where children can meet and play on warmer days. In addition, long-term solutions should prioritise preserving and adapting vernacular architectural techniques to implement passive heating and cooling methods. This dimension of planning should also find its way into State Action Plans on Climate Change and city master plans. Special attention needs to be given to the needs of low-income communities. Slum rehabilitation colonies, for instance, in outer Delhi, have extremely sparse green cover. The places earmarked for playgrounds often become dumping grounds for solid waste. This leads to children spending more time inside their houses with limited avenues for socialisation and recreation.

Empowering children

Children, too, can be powerful champions of change. Providing students with hands-on opportunities and platforms to take concrete actions and play advocacy roles, such as participating in biodiversity mapping, air pollution and water quality assessments, can empower them to understand and address environmental issues. Engaging students in local initiatives around climate, such as carbon neutral panchayats in Kerala, could be a promising starting point.

The first International Day of Play may have passed but it is crucial to recognise the adverse effects of climate change on a child's right to play and take action. By addressing this, we not only support children's development and well-being but also foster a generation that is prepared to tackle the challenges of the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Court and Money Bill route

The Bharatiya Janata Party is now faced with challenges in the form of a strong Opposition and the need for debate and discussion in matters of passing contentious Bills in Parliament. Therefore, it is very likely that the passing of Bills in both Houses of Parliament will encounter hurdles in terms of a consensus. With the Supreme Court to hear petitions against the passing of laws as Money Bills, the days ahead will be interesting (Page 1, July 16).

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Since 2014, many Bills have been passed under the cover of Money Bills, without any discussion or debate in the Lok Sabha. The government used its brute majority to advantage despite protests by a weak Opposition then.
The amendments made to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) which has given blanket powers to the Enforcement Directorate to arrest and make raids is one example. One awaits the hearing.

D. Sethuraman,
Chennai

The Supreme Court's decision could lead to an unsavoury tussle between the legislature and the judiciary of the country. This is a matter of a purely legislative nature. Parliament and Parliament alone is the competent forum to deliberate, discuss and debate this crucial issue.

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Introduce technology

The discussion around the use of robots to replace human labour in various industries has gained significant traction in recent years. One area where this debate is pertinent is in sanitation work. Given the hazardous conditions and health risks faced by sanitation workers, it is worth exploring whether robots could provide a safer and more efficient alternative. Sanitation workers perform an essential yet often undervalued service. However, this work exposes them to dangerous environments, harmful substances, and a high risk of injury or illness (Inside pages, "Body of Kerala sanitation worker recovered after 46 hours", July 16). In the light of these challenges, the introduction of robots could offer a promising solution. However, the transition to robotic workers must be approached with caution. The potential displacement of human workers is also a significant concern.

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Trying juveniles as adults is not the answer

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In May, a speeding car, allegedly driven by a teenager, killed two young techies in Pune. As prescribed by the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, or the JJ Act, 2015, the adolescent was initially brought before the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), which granted him bail under seemingly lenient conditions. This decision, coupled with the tragic outcome of the incident and emerging accusations of privilege being used to tamper with the investigation, sparked public outrage. Following the backlash, the JJB modified its order, directing the adolescent's detention in an Observation Home. This was challenged before the Bombay High Court, which directed his release on the ground that he was granted bail in accordance with due procedure.

The High Court noted that the JJ Act is "not only a beneficial legislation, but is also a remedial one." The push by some to prosecute the adolescent as an adult raises broader questions about the power of the juvenile justice system to address severe offences like drunken driving and the demand for accountability in cases involving young offenders.

Being tried as an adult

The JJ Act allows for the possibility of trying adolescents above 16 as adults if they are accused of committing a "heinous" offence. A "heinous" offence is one with a minimum punishment of seven years or more. Offences such as culpable homicide and causing death by negligence, which are common in drunken driving cases, are not "heinous" offences because they do not have a prescribed minimum punishment. The JJ Act, amended in 2021, now categorises an offence that has no minimum sentence but has a maximum sentence of more than seven years as a "serious offence" which, nonetheless, does not merit the transfer of a case to the adult criminal justice system.

In any case, when an adolescent above 16 years of age is accused of a "heinous" offence, the JJB, a quasi-judicial body, conducts a preliminary assessment to determine if they should be tried as an adult. If it concludes that there is such a need, the adolescent is transferred to a sessions court, which independently assesses the suitability of trying the adolescent as an adult.

These protections are based on the understanding that adolescence is a temporary developmental stage characterised by immature judgement and underdeveloped impulse control. This is recognised by the Supreme Court in *Dr. Subramanian Swamy v. Raju* (2014) and by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. Consequently, the juvenile justice system emphasises rehabilitation and social reintegration over punishment, acknowledging that adolescents, due to their high neuroplasticity, are more receptive to change.

Seeking accountability

Nonetheless, the juvenile justice system is rooted in holding offenders accountable for their actions. When an adolescent is found to have committed a crime, the JJ Act empowers the multidisciplinary JJB to tailor a response befitting the circumstances and the adolescent concerned. A conviction can result in institutionalisation of the offender, but with the express goal of rehabilitation. The JJBs can prescribe interventions such as therapy, psychiatric support, and de-addiction during and after institutionalisation. An individual care plan is prepared for the adolescent's rehabilitation keeping in mind their socioeconomic conditions and the circumstances of the crime. This approach has the potential to foster accountability and healing, creating opportunities for justice that are often unattainable within the rigid confines of the punitive adult justice system.

Specifically in cases of deaths caused by motor accidents, innovative approaches have been attempted in Indonesia and the U.S. that enable offenders to face their victims and focus on personal accountability. In some jurisdictions, convicted drunk drivers are required to face a victim impact panel (VIP) of relatives of victims who express how the incident affected their lives. A report released in 2022 by Kevin Thompson and Sarah Joyce found a reduction in recidivism amongst offenders exposed to VIPs in North Dakota. While this can never change the life-altering incident itself, it personalises the loss and grief experienced by the victim and gives an opportunity to the offender to express regret.

Practices like this recognise the victim and their family as central to the process of justice dispensation in contrast to the traditional penal system where the victim is reduced to a witness or is not involved at all as the state takes over prosecution. They create space for the needs of the victims that may range from compensation to an apology or explanation or acknowledgement of responsibility by the offender. They also expose adolescents to an education regarding accountability and sensitivity to fellow human beings to foster their transformation into responsible adults. Facing the victims or their families can be a powerful and transformative experience for offenders. Responses of the juvenile justice system can include the family members and communities of both the offender and the victim and can involve counselling the offender's family. This approach recognises that crime is often the outcome of a complex interplay of societal and psychological factors.

However, the potential of the juvenile justice system remains unfulfilled. Trying adolescents as adults sidesteps the problem of weak implementation of the juvenile justice system. The issue lies not in the perceived leniency or "misuse" of the system, but rather in the failure to fully implement its foundational principles.

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The curse of speculation in Karnataka

Rumours on change of guard leave the government with little time to focus on policy

STATE OF PLAY

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After a month of intense speculation that there could be a change of leadership in Karnataka, the Congress high command seems to have put a stop to it, at least for the time being. The conjecture was fuelled by party legislators from the camps of both Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister and party chief D.K. Shivakumar. It reached a tipping point when a seer asked Mr. Siddaramaiah to vacate the seat in favour of his deputy, at a State government event.

An examination of the last three and a half decades of Karnataka politics shows that speculation over leadership change and even changes within short spans are not new. The ninth Assembly elected in 1989 saw three Chief Ministers during one tenure for the first time in the State. Since then, there have been 18 Chief Ministers in Karnataka. These include short tenures for the Bharatiya Janata Party's B.S. Yediyurappa (four times) and the Janata Dal (Secular)'s H.D. Kumaraswamy (twice). Over this period of 35 years, President's Rule was imposed thrice in the State. The average tenure of a Chief Minister during this period was less than two years. Three coalition governments with the JD(S) were pulled down. The BJP came to power twice (in 2008 and 2019) lacking a simple majority and eventually cobbling together a majority through engineered defections, in an exercise called Operation Kamala. During 2008-2013, there were three Chief Ministers and during 2019-2013, there were two. The exceptions to this rule

were the S.M. Krishna (1999-2004) and Siddaramaiah (2013-2018)-led Congress governments.

This means that the the State's political circles have generally been abuzz with rumours about leadership change. In such scenarios, Chief Ministers have always been putting out political fires and, in some cases, skewing policy to placate dissenting MLAs by earmarking more funds to certain constituencies and districts. The top agenda in such situations has always been to manage the party high command, factionalism within the party, and defectors or alliance partners in case of a coalition government. All this naturally leaves the administration with little time and energy to focus on policy and governance.

H.D. Kumaraswamy and Mr. Yediyurappa came to power in 2006 in a coalition government with an arrangement that each of them will be Chief Minister for 20 months. Mr. Kumaraswamy was sworn in first. Senior bureaucrats recall that the decision of the coalition created multiple power centres and leaders within the government, and chaos in the administration.

Mr. Yediyurappa, who came to power in 2019 after toppling the JD(S)-Congress coalition government by engineering defections, resigned on July 26, 2022. He announced his decision to step down at an event to commemorate two years of his government. Mr. Yediyurappa was dogged by speculation of leadership change through his two-year tenure. During that time, a top bureaucrat had told *The Hindu* that constant talk of change of guard can undermine the full authority of the chief ministerial position.

In a similar vein, former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar, who had a short tenure of less than a year in 2012-13, recently advised the Congress to desist from speculating about the issue in public. "It is the party's internal matter regarding whether or not they want to change the Chief Minister. But discussing it day in and day out in public will have an adverse effect on the administration," he said. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi also rued that these discussions had "brought the administration to a standstill". He asked, "If members of the government themselves are discussing leadership change every day, why will the bureaucracy and administration be serious about this government?"

With the Congress winning 135 seats in a 224-seat Assembly in 2023, the present dispensation was expected to be a "stable government". However, the Opposition has been repeatedly saying that the government "could fall any day". The supporters of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister have been trying to undermine each other, with one faction arguing for leadership change and the other denying it. Even if there is an arrangement on power-sharing between Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar, it is not in the public domain. However, constant talk on the issue has given the people of the State a sense of déjà vu, despite the present government's stability in terms of numbers.

By-polls: an indication of a new anti-incumbency

The recent bypoll outcomes show clear vote share drops for the BJP to the benefit of the INDIA bloc parties

DATA POINT

Prasenjit Bose

Constituents of the Opposition INDIA bloc have won 10 out of the 13 Assembly constituencies across seven States, where bypoll results were announced on July 13.

The Congress won in four seats – two each in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand; the Trinamool Congress won in all the four seats in West Bengal; the Dravida Munnetra Kazagam (DMK) and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) won one seat each in Tamil Nadu and Punjab, respectively. The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) managed to win only two seats – one each in Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. The lone seat in Bihar was won by an independent candidate.

In the Lok Sabha elections, the BJP was reduced to 240 seats and the NDA was limited to 293 seats, both numbers lower than the 2019 Lok Sabha results mark. Forty days later, the outcome of the bypolls has enthused the INDIA bloc, which has interpreted it as a signifier of a national mood swing in favour of the Opposition.

BJP spokespersons have countered this by citing that the party was an incumbent in only three of the 13 Assembly bypoll seats, all of which were in West Bengal, and attributed their losses there to "booth capture" and "rigging" by the ruling party in the State, the Trinamool. Citing their wins in the two seats in Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh as gains, BJP has sought to underplay the bypoll results as outcomes of local factors, which neither have any national cause, nor effect.

A clear overall trend

Assembly bypoll outcomes are often influenced by State-specific and even very local factors, as the results from Bihar's Rupauli bypoll indicate. Contesting as an independent candidate, Rajput 'bahubali' (strongman) Shankar Singh defeated both the ruling-Janata Dal (United) and the Rashtriya Janata Dal candidates in Rupauli.

In some States, such as Tamil Nadu, bypolls have generally favoured the ruling party in recent years.

There is also some truth in the BJP's allegations regarding electoral malpractices and strong-arm tactics practised by the Trinamool in West Bengal.

However, the overall trend that emerges from the bypoll results in 13 Assembly seats indicates a sharp decline in the BJP/NDA's vote shares from the Lok Sabha polls held less than two months ago, as well as improvements for the INDIA parties **(Table 1).**

Changes in vote share

The BJP had polled an average of about 50% of the votes in 11 out of the 13 Assembly segments in the Lok Sabha election; this has fallen to below 35% in the bypolls. With the exception of Uttarakhand's Manglaur, which it lost narrowly to the Congress, the BJP's vote share has declined in all the bypoll seats compared to the Lok Sabha polls.

In the two Assembly seats where the BJP won the bypolls – Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh and Amarwara, a Scheduled Tribe-reserved seat, in Madhya Pradesh – its vote shares declined by 12.5 and 3.1 percentage points, respectively, compared to the Lok Sabha polls.

Even if the average decline of over 20 points in vote share in the four bypoll seats in West Bengal within weeks of the Lok Sabha polls are attributed to the Trinamool's excesses, what can explain an average 20 percentage point decline in the BJP's vote share in the three bypoll seats in Himachal Pradesh or Jalandhar West (Scheduled Caste) seat in Punjab?

On the other hand, the Congress increased its vote share in five out of the seven bypoll seats it contested, as did other INDIA parties such as the AAP, DMK and RJD.

The BJP's NDA partners, too, did not fare well – the Janata Dal (United) witnessed a decline in vote share in Bihar's Rupauli, while the Pattali Makkal Katchi's improvement in the absence of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam in the bypoll fray fell far short of the rise in the DMK's vote share in Tamil Nadu's Vikravandi.

While one can term the 20-point swing in favour of the Trinamool in the four bypoll seats in West Bengal as abnormal and excessive, the direction of change in the popular mood after the Lok Sabha results is unmistakable. Overall, it is the Opposition INDIA bloc parties that have gained, while the BJP and NDA have lost support, compared to the Lok Sabha elections.

Reasons for decline

What may have caused such a significant decline in BJP's electoral support in less than two months? Prime Minister Narendra Modi needs to introspect whether his government's hubristic response to the 2024 Lok Sabha verdict, which resulted in a net loss of 63 seats for the BJP, is leading to the alienation of a significant section of the electorate.

There are other reasons too. Political arrogance reflected in the continued persecution and vilification of the parliamentary opposition and wanton violation of human rights; pompous exaggerations of vacuous economic achievements and a deceptive denial of growing economic hardship and disparities; and manipulative social re-engineering which undermines social justice and solidarity have become the hallmarks of the Modi regime. The electorate seems to be losing its patience.

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A big win for the INDIA bloc

The charts are based on data sourced from the Election Commission of India

Table 1: The table shows the BJP'S voteshare in the 2024 LS elections and AS bypolls

		NDA PERFORMANCE			
		Party	2024 LS election	2024 AS bypoll	Gain/ Loss
State	AC NAME		Voteshare (%)	Voteshare (%)	(% points)
West Bengal	Raiganj	BJP	58.4	24.4	(-) 34.0
	Ranaghat Dakshin	BJP	52	36.1	(-) 15.8
	Bagda	BJP	52	38	(-) 14.0
	Maniktala	BJP	43.9	17.9	(-) 26.0
Himachal Pradesh	Dehra	BJP	63.2	41.3	(-) 21.9
	Hamirpur	BJP	63.7	51.2	(-) 12.5
	Nalagarh	BJP	59.8	34.4	(-) 25.4
Uttarakhand	Badrinath	BJP	54.9	42.3	(-) 12.6
	Manglaur	BJP	27.4	37.4	(+) 10.0
Madhya Pradesh	Amarwara	BJP	43.9	40.8	(-) 3.1
Punjab	Jalandhar West	BJP	38.8	18.9	(-) 19.8
Tamil Nadu	Vikravandi	PMK	17.6	28.7	(+) 11.0
Bihar	Rupauli	JDU	50.9	35.1	(-) 15.8

Table 2: The table shows the winners' share in the 2024 LS elections and AS bypolls

		INDIA PERFORMANCE			
		Party	2024 LS election	2024 AS bypoll	Gain/ Loss
State	AC Name		Voteshare (%)	Voteshare (%)	(% points)
West Bengal	Raiganj	AITC	29.2	58	(+) 28.8
	Ranaghat Dakshin	AITC	36.4	55.1	(+) 18.7
	Bagda	AITC	42.5	55	(+) 12.6
	Maniktala	AITC	46.4	71.7	(+) 25.2
Himachal Pradesh	Dehra	INC	35.3	57.9	(+) 22.6
	Hamirpur	INC	35	48.3	(+) 13.3
	Nalagarh	INC	37.3	46.4	(+) 9.2
Uttarakhand	Badrinath	INC	40.7	51.9	(+) 11.3
	Manglaur	INC	57.4	37.9	(-) 19.5
Madhya Pradesh	Amarwara	INC	36.8	39.4	(+) 2.5
Punjab	Jalandhar West	AAP	14.1	58.4	(+) 44.2
Tamil Nadu	Vikravandi	VCK/ DMK	39.6	63.2	(+) 23.6
Bihar	Rupauli	RJD	5.7	18	(+) 12.3

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 17, 1974

Indo-American barter deals mooted

New Delhi, July 16: For the first time, barter deals have been mooted in Indo-American trade. The proposal envisages India exporting engineering goods like castings, hand tools, machine tools and electronic components, and in return importing electric power generation and transmission equipment and textile machinery.

According to Mr. Stephen Duncan Peters, Counsellor for Commercial Affairs in American Embassy here, the barter arrangement has been thought of, as India has to divert its limited foreign exchange resources to buy oil.

Two senior officials of American Embassy are now in the U.S. to sell the barter idea to American businessmen, as this represents a break from their trading methods. The Embassy officials, who have mooted this proposal, have assured American businessmen that the barter would be tried only for two items – power equipment and textile machinery.

American businessmen have been told that about one-fifth of the world's trade is to-day conducted under barter or similar trade arrangements. Further, the barter deal has been mooted for the two items not by choice but out of necessity.

Mr. Duncan Peters is confident that U.S. manufacturers will agree to this barter idea which is one of the new grounds being explored to step up Indo-American trade. The U.S. is one of the largest trading partners of India.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 17, 1924

In Parliament

London, July 16: In the House of Commons, Mr. Hannon asked, with regard to the seizure of arms on board "Schlesien" in Colombo, whether in view of the embargo on the importation of arms into China steps would be taken to ascertain whether the consignment had been intended for China, and, if so, by whom it had been despatched. Mr. Thomas replied that doubtless local authorities would take any necessary steps to ascertain the origin and destination of the cargo. Hannon suggested that Mr. Thomas should instruct his representatives in Ceylon to care that no such consignments get through in future without very careful examination.

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4 soldiers, policeman killed in Doda encounter

"At about [8:40 p.m.] on July 15, the search party was able to establish contact with the terrorists hiding in the area, which is a thickly forested and mountainous area with restricted visibility due to low clouds and rain," Lt. Col. Bartwal said.

The four Army personnel were injured in the initial volley of fire, and later succumbed to their injuries, he said. Additional troops and equipment, including drones and other technical resources, were being used to flush out the terrorists. Similar operations were being relentlessly conducted in the Kathua area, he added.

Deadly attacks

There has been a distinct shift in terrorist violence to the south of the Pir Panjal in recent months, reminiscent of the early 2000s when this area was a hotbed of terrorism. Since May this year, 13 members of the security forces have been killed in the area, including nine Army personnel, and one person each from the Air Force, Border Security Force, Central Reserve Police Force, and the JKP. Since November 2021, over 30 Army personnel have been killed in terror incidents in the area, while over 40 terrorists have been neutralised.

Defence sources said one of the major reasons for the high casualty rate was the lack of credible ground intelligence in the Jammu region south of the Pir Panjal. This is also exacerbated by the reduced number of security forces in the area in recent years. However, sources said that some additional troops have been brought in recently. In addition to reduced human intelligence, another challenge is the improved Chinese-made communication equipment being used by the terrorists, which has made interception difficult.

Karnataka mandates 50% quota for locals

"If sufficient number of local candidates are not available, then an industry or factory or other establishments may apply for relaxation from the provisions of this Act to the government, and after due enquiry, the government may pass appropriate orders and such orders passed by the government shall be final," the Bill reads.

Nevertheless, the percentage of local candidates should not go below 25% in management positions and 50% in non-management categories. Failure to comply may attract penalties ranging from ₹10,000 to ₹25,000.

Long-pending demand

The Bill has been passed against the backdrop of voices calling for 100% job reservation for Kannadigas.

Earlier in July, Kannada organisations had organised rallies in parts of the State demanding immediate implementation of the Sarojini Mahishi report that recommended a quota for locals in government and private sector jobs.

Mahishi, former Union Minister and the first woman MP from Karnataka, who headed the committee, submitted the report in 1984. It had 58 recommendations, including 100% reservation for locals in Group C and D jobs in Central departments and PSUs operating in Karnataka.

Bihar party leader's father murdered

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister directs DGP to ensure strict action against the culprits

Jitan Sahani, 70, father of Mukesh Sahani, chief of the Vikassheel Insan Party, an INDIA bloc ally in Bihar, was found murdered in his house at Jirat village in Darbhanga district of the State. The body was found mutilated, the police said.

Initial investigation suggested a sharp weapon was used for the murder. The police found three empty glasses in the backyard.

Two persons have been detained for questioning, said Additional Director-General of Police (Headquarters) Jitendra Singh Gangwar.

Darbhanga Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jagunath Reddy has formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the case. At the time of the incident, Mr. Mukesh Sahani had been in Mumbai.

After landing in Patna, along with family members, the party chief said, "Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has taken cognisance of the incident. I have spoken to him over the phone. Even Union Minister Amit Shah and RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav have spoken to me. Nitish *ji* has assured that whoever is the culprit will be arrested as soon as possible and action will be taken."

Mr. Gangwar, ADG (Headquarters) said that Sahani used to stay alone and "has been murdered by unknown persons probably in the night".

"Police headquarters has taken cognisance of the incident. The FSL (forensics) team is collecting evidence from the spot. An almirah containing papers and money was found lying outside the house. Special Task Force from Patna has been sent to Darbhanga. The SIT headed by Darbhanga SP Rural (Kamya Mishra) will investigate the case" he said.

"The body has been sent for postmortem. If anyone has any information, they can call 9431822992, 6287742988 or 14432," he added.

The Chief Minister expressed his condolences and ordered Director General of Police Rajwinder Singh Bhatti to investigate the case and ensure strict action against the culprits.

HC restrains Mamata from defaming Governor

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court has restrained West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee from making any defamatory statements against Governor C.V. Ananda Bose. The court observed that *prima facie* there is a case of defamation.

"In view of the above, the defendants are restrained from making any defamatory or incorrect statement against the plaintiff by way of publication and on social platforms till 14th August, 2024," the order by Justice Krishna Rao said.

Mr. Bose had moved the High Court alleging that the Chief Minister had made defamatory remarks against him.

Counsel appearing for the Chief Minister had raised questions on the maintainability of the petition. "The Court finds that the plaintiff has made out a *prima facie* case and balance of convenience are in favour of the plaintiff," the July 15 order said.

The defamation case filed against the Chief Minister by the Governor has marked a new low in the relations between the Raj Bhavan and the State government.

Man who 'stole' NEET paper from NTA trunk arrested

CBI arrests two more in paper leak case; Pankaj Kumar, a resident of Bokaro, was held in Patna, and his accomplice Raju Singh in Hazaribagh; key accused Rocky is already in agency's custody

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday arrested two more persons accused in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) paper leak case. Pankaj Kumar and Raju Singh were arrested from Patna and Hazaribagh, respectively.

CBI sources said that key accused Pankaj Kumar was a resident of Bokaro in Jharkhand. He has been accused of stealing the question paper from a trunk belonging to the National Testing Agency (NTA) in Hazaribagh. The second accused, Raju Singh, is said to have helped Kumar.

Sources said that Singh was arrested from a guesthouse in the Ramnagar locality in the Katkamdag police station limits in Hazaribagh.

Singh is the fourth person arrested from Hazaribagh in the case. The investigation agency had earlier arrested Oasis School principal Ahsanul Haque, vice-principal Imtiaz Alam and a local newspaper journalist Jamaludin. The Central agency had conducted searches at the school and gathered evidence from the premises.

Two teachers of the school were summoned to Patna, but were let off after interrogation.

As part of the probe, the employees of Blue Dart Courier were questioned as also an e-rickshaw driver who had delivered the question paper from the courier office to the State Bank of India branch in Hazaribagh. Officials at the SBI branch where the question papers were held for safe-keeping were also questioned.

Spirited protest: The police use a water cannon to disperse National Students' Union of India activists during a protest in Bhopal on Monday against the alleged irregularities in NEET-UG. PTI

Colleges told to enter seat details in portal

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) has issued a notice urging medical colleges to enter their seats at its official portal for the NEET-UG counselling as the counselling process is likely to begin soon. The next hearing of the Supreme Court on the NEET-UG exam matter is on July 18. Medical institutes participating for UG counselling can upload the seat lists on the portal till July 20.

It further stated that the user ID or passport for entering seats on the portal is the same as in the previous years.

For any technical help, colleges can call 011-69227413, 69227416, 69227419 or 69227423 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Puja Khedkar recalled to Mussoorie academy

The Hindu Bureau
PUNE

Controversial IAS probationer Puja Khedkar, under the scanner for alleged abuse of power and privileges, has been "immediately recalled" to the Mussoorie-based Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration with her current training in Washim district of Maharashtra put on hold.

A statement issued by the Maharashtra government's General Administration Department on Tuesday said Ms. Khedkar was relieved from the District Training Programme of the Government of Maharashtra and had been instructed to "join the academy at the earliest but not later than July 23 under any circumstances".

Ms. Khedkar has been accused of seeking perks not allotted to trainee IAS officers and faking her disability and OBC status.

The Pune police have also registered an FIR against Ms. Khedkar's parents for allegedly threatening a farmer with a gun over a land dispute.

Even as Ms. Khedkar decried the affair as a "media trial", officials are probing the authenticity of the various certificates furnished by her before the UPSC.

India should send more relief and aid to Palestinians, says JD(U) leader K.C. Tyagi

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

On a day when India released $2.5 million to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Janata Dal (United) spokesperson K.C. Tyagi urged the Union government to provide more proactive support in relief and aid for Gazans amid mounting casualties there, as well as put its weight behind efforts to get the United Nations to implement its resolutions on the issue.

The JD(U) is an important ally of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), helping prop up the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi, and a State ally in Bihar.

K.C. Tyagi

Mr. Tyagi is a member of the League of Parliamentarians for Al-Quds, which has MPs from across the world, current and former, as members.

The organisation, which held a conference on April 26 and 28 in Istanbul, has come down heavily on Israel in its resolutions, demanding that schools and hospitals not be bombed in Gaza as part of the conflict there.

Javed Ali Khan, Samajwadi Party member in the Rajya Sabha, had also attended the conference in Istanbul.

Being the leader of a constituent of the ruling alliance at the Centre, Mr. Tyagi is measured in his words. "The Indian government should urge the UN to effectively implement its resolutions for ceasefire in the region, and do more for aid and relief for Gaza," he said.

"It was Mahatma Gandhi who said in 1938 that Palestine is for Palestinians," he added.

While the JD(U) has not made any formal intervention in this field of foreign policy, Mr. Tyagi's sentiments are significant.

5 killed as bus with pilgrims hits tractor at midnight on Mumbai-Pune Expressway

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Five people were killed and 43 injured in an accident involving a bus and a tractor near Panvel in Navi Mumbai on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway around 40 minutes past Monday midnight.

The bus was carrying 54 pilgrims travelling to Pandharpur from their hometown Dombivli in Thane district to mark Ashadi Ekadashi.

Vivek Pansare, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Navi Mumbai, said the tractor suddenly changed lanes and the bus hit it, rammed a barricade and fell into a 20-foot-deep gorge.

The driver and a passenger on the tractor and three *warkaris* (devotees of Lord Vitthal), including one woman, were killed.

Five of the injured are in a serious condition, Mr. Pansare said.

The bus was lifted out of the gorge using a crane, and the injured were rushed to a nearby private hospital.

A case has been registered by the Panvel city police.

(with inputs from Madhav Kejariwal)

Turned turtle: A damaged tractor after it hit a bus on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway on Tuesday. PTI

MoD notifies fifth positive indigenisation list for DPSUs

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Defence on Tuesday notified the fifth positive indigenisation list (PILs) of 346 items for Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSU) which includes strategically important Line Replacement Units, systems, subsystems, assemblies, subassemblies, spares, components and raw materials with import substitution value worth ₹1,048 crore. These items will only be procured from Indian industries after the timelines of indigenisation indicated.

These five lists for DPSUs are in addition to the five positive indigenisation lists of 509 items notified by the Department of Military Affairs.

EC offers multiple choices to candidates to re-check voting in recently held polls

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Candidates who have applied for a re-check of the voting process in the recently concluded Lok Sabha and Assembly elections can choose from a number of options given by the Election Commission (EC), including picking electronic voting machines (EVM) from any polling station in an Assembly segment and opting for a mock poll and mock voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) slip count.

The commission released the technical standard operating procedures (SOP) on Tuesday.

Eleven candidates have applied for EVM and VVPAT memory verification. The requests essentially mean re-matching of votes polled in 5% of EVMs in each of these constituencies.

This is the first time the re-evaluation will take place.

This is the first time that this re-evaluation will take place following the Supreme Court order of April 24 allowing the verification on the request of the runners-up in any election.

The SOP released by the commission were for EVM burnt memory checking and verification and had been sent to the Chief Electoral Officers of all States, the poll body said in a statement. It said the procedure allowed candidates to make selections from multiple choices.

"The 'randomness' and 'enormity' of test vectors and expanded choice-based approach instead of controlled environment C&V process of burnt memory eliminates possibility or apprehension of any bias or hidden functionality in the firmware, by showing intended outcome(s) under parameters selected by the candidate and at every stage of C&V process," the Commission said.

The complete C&V process will be held under CCTV monitoring.

Jairam writes to Nadda on Malviya's remarks

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Strongly objecting to BJP leader Amit Malviya's claim that former Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi "were assassinated for the political decisions that they took", the Congress termed his comments a "disturbing effort to trivalise tragic historical events for narrow political gains".

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh shot off a letter to BJP president J.P. Nadda on the issue, urging the BJP leadership, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to "unequivocally disavow" Mr. Malviya's "reprehensible comments". The Congress demanded that Mr. Malviya be stripped of his position within the BJP if the ruling party "truly respects our nation's history".

APPEAL

2 years old Suthiksha suffering from Diamond Blackfan Anaemia requires Allogenic Bone Marrow Transplantation at **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research** Centre, Madurai. The total expenditure is Rs.15,00,000/-. Her family is very poor and cannot afford this huge cost. Please help her to have a bright future. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged.** The donations sent through Ch/D.D/NEFT Transfer & Google Pay (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/C. No:60182010063310, IFSC No: CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT.

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Haryana govt. raises income ceiling of OBC creamy layer

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

Ahead of the Haryana Assembly election later this year, the State government on Tuesday raised the annual income ceiling for creamy layer for reservation from ₹6 lakh to ₹8 lakh and introduced a 5% quota for the Other Backward Class-B category in Panchayati Raj Institutions and municipalities. Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced the decisions at a State-level event in Mahendragarh.

Mr. Shah said the 5% reservation for the OBC-B category would be in addition to the 8% quota for the OBC-A category in force.

The OBCs in Haryana are estimated to be 40% of the State's population and comprise 78 castes. With an eye on the vote bank ahead of the Lok Sabha and Assembly polls, the BJP had replaced Manohar Lal, a Punjabi, to appoint OBC leader Nayab Saini as Chief Minister in March.

With two new judges, Supreme Court back to its full judicial strength

Justice N. Kotiswar Singh is the first judge in the top court from Manipur; Justice R. Mahadevan, who belongs to a backward community from T.N., will bring diversity to Bench, collegium says

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday appointed Justices N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice R. Mahadevan as Supreme Court judges.

A five-member Supreme Court Collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, had recommended their names in a resolution on July 11.

The Centre notified the two appointments that would return the top court to its full sanctioned strength of 34 judges.

Justice Singh is the first judge from Manipur to be appointed to the Supreme Court. The State has been witnessing traumatic months of ethnic violence.

New appointees: Justices R. Mahadevan and N. Kotiswar Singh have been appointed as the new judges of the Supreme Court. ANI

Justice N. Kotiswar Singh's appointment as a judge of the Supreme Court will provide representation to Northeast India, and in particular, he will be the first from Manipur to be appointed a judge of the Supreme Court, the collegium had highlighted in its resolution. Justice Singh was serving as the Chief Justice of the High Court for Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. He was due to retire on February 28, 2025.

The collegium said Justice Mahadevan was "eminently suitable" for appointment as a Supreme Court judge. Justice Mahadevan, who belongs to a backward community from Tamil Nadu, would bring diversity to the Supreme Court Bench, it said.

Collegium's resolution

"The Collegium has taken due note of the fact that Mr. Justice R. Mahadevan ranks third in the order of presently serving judges of the Madras High Court including the judges who have been posted as Chief Justices outside the Madras High Court. At this stage, the Collegium has given precedence to the candidature of Mr. Justice R Mahadevan in order to give representation to the backward community," the collegium resolution said.

The two judges replace Justices Aniruddha Bose and A.S. Bopanna, who retired in April and May, respectively.

Don't impose decisions, says Uttarakhand BJP leader

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand and senior BJP leader, Tirath Singh Rawat, said that decisions within the party should be taken after consulting everyone and must not be imposed. He made his comments as part of a speech at the party's working committee meet in Dehradun on Monday.

"Do not impose," Mr. Rawat said from the stage while praising how lower-level party workers are working hard in the field which is why the BJP has secured all five seats in the Lok Sabha election.

Mr. Rawat cautioned the senior party leaders that they must not behave behave holier than thou as no one knows what destiny hold in its wake.

"None of us are *netas* or big people.... we are all just office-bearers... today it's us who hold posts, tomorrow it can be anyone of you," Mr. Rawat said.

INBRIEF

Budget will be judged by what it does to revive MSMEs: Jairam

The Congress said on Tuesday that the Union Budget will be judged by what it does to revive the MSME sector. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said that through a "combination of deliberate policy and wilful neglect", the Centre has systematically bludgeoned the MSME sector. The party's wishlist to revive the sector includes the extension of non-performing assets classification period for loans to MSMEs from 90 days to 180 days. It called for GST 2.0 with a single, moderate rate, and relief for small taxpayers like MSMEs.

SC issues notice to CBI, ED on Sisodia's bail plea in excise case

The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought responses from the ED and the CBI on separate petitions filed by former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia for bail in the excise policy case. A Bench issued notice to both the agencies and listed the case for July 29. He is facing corruption and money-laundering charges linked to framing a liquor policy favouring certain lobbies in return for kickbacks.

Kharge questions Centre on terror incidents in Jammu, seeks security strategy shift

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Questioning the Narendra Modi government on the spate of terror incidents in Jammu, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday said the government was acting "as if everything is business as usual". He called for a "careful recalibration" in security strategy.

Mr. Kharge said he was deeply distressed by the death of the four brave soldiers, including an officer, and added that no words of strong and unequivocal condemnation would suffice for these acts of violence being perpetrated by cowardly terrorists.

Mallikarjun Kharge

"The spate of terror attacks that has gripped Jammu and Kashmir in the past 36 days, needs careful recalibration in our security strategy. The Modi government is acting as if everything is 'business as usual' and nothing has changed. They must know that increasingly the Jammu region is bearing the brunt of these attacks," Mr. Kharge said.

"We cannot endanger our national security by indulging in false bravado, fake narratives and high-decibel whitewashing. As a nation, we have to collectively fight the scourge of cross-border terrorism," he said.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said that there had been 11 terror attacks in the past 78 days in Jammu alone. "While we must demonstrate an effective collective response cutting across political parties, the question must also be asked: what happened to all those grand claims made by the self-anointed non-biological PM and the self-styled Chanakya?", he said.

Since 2021, Jammu accounts for 40% of killings of security personnel in J&K

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

In the past three years, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed the killing of 119 security forces personnel, and over 40% of these killings were from the Jammu division, data available with *The Hindu* show.

From 2021, at least 51 security personnel had been killed in various incidents initiated by terrorists in Poonch, Rajouri, Kathua, Reasi, Doda, and Udhampur districts, a deviation from the previous three years, when the Valley was the epicentre of such incidents.

Compared with five terrorist incidents and two security personnel killed in the Valley this year, Jammu has seen six such attacks in which 12 security personnel were killed.

D.K. Boora, Inspector-General, BSF, paying tributes to Army personnel killed in an encounter with terrorists in Doda district. PTI

An official said that Monday's cordon-and-search operation in Doda, where the four Army personnel were killed, was based on a specific intelligence input. This was the third major encounter between security forces and terrorists in the forests of Doda in past three weeks.

It is estimated that a group of 20-25 foreign terrorists entrenched in an area of 30-40 sq. km have split into multiple groups and are initiating the attacks. "All of them appear to be hardened terrorists with sophisticated weapons. They have a fair idea of the topography, and are taking advantage of thick foliage and forest cover to launch attacks," the official said. A phony group, Kashmir Tigers, has taken responsibility for the attack, stating that the Army was attacked from two sides.

Officials said that in the past, the group had made similar claims after terror attacks, but it looked more of a "propaganda front active only on paper".

J&K has been under Central rule since June 2018. Since November 2023, it has not had a full-time Director-General of Police.

After the 2020 Galwan clash, a large number of troops were withdrawn from the Jammu division and deployed to Eastern Ladakh. Officials said the security grid in Jammu is being tightened, and redeployment and recalibration of security forces is being carried out.

Centre calls for all-party meeting on July 21

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Ahead of the Monsoon Session of Parliament which begins on July 22, the Union government has called for an all-party meeting at 11 a.m. on July 21. The Union Budget will be presented on July 23.

The Trinamool Congress will skip the meeting, saying that July 21 is observed as Martyrs Day in Bengal in honour of 13 colleagues who were "unlawfully killed in a police firing on the same day in 1993".

This will be the first such meeting to be attended by newly appointed Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

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Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD Circle Jhunjhunu
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Bids for 02 Nos. work of Road/Building work **(NIT 02/2024-25 dated 11.7.2024)** in Jhunjhunu Distt. are invited from interested bidder from dated 12.07.2024 to 18.07.2024 upto 04.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and pwd.rajasthan.gov.in department website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 431.66 lacs.
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Tender document available for downloaded	**12/07/2024**
Last date and time for Tender Queries/ Clarification	**18/07/2024 17:30 Hrs**
Pre Bid meeting	**19/07/2024 12:30 Hrs**
Last date & time for receipt of Tenders	**29/07/2024 17:30 Hrs**
Date & time for Opening of Technical Bid	**31/07/2024 11:30 Hrs**
Date & time for Opening of Financial Bid	**01/08/2024 17:30 Hrs**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

PUNGRAIN, invites online tenders through GeM Portal for the purchase of 9,800 LDPE Covers for storage of wheat during RMS 2024-25 on behalf of all State Procuring Agencies (Pungrain, PSWC, Punsup and Markfed) in the State of Punjab under two Bid system 'Technical Bid' and 'Financial Bid'.
The bid/tender documents (MTF) & other details will be available on the GeM Portal, i.e., https://gem.gov.in from 16.07.2024 to 26.07.2024. MTF will also be available on Department's website i.e. http://foodsuppb.gov.in. Bids completed in the manner prescribed in MTF should be uploaded upto 6:00 PM on 26.07.2024. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 18.07.2024 at 10:30 AM in the Committee Room, Pungrain Head Office, Anaaj Bhawan, Sector 39 C, Chandigarh and through ZOOM VC Link as follows:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83174266928?pwd=EPd82ks11dHfjnl4E6F3vAXoeAzM4 T.1 **(Meeting ID: 831 7426 6928, Passcode: 411212)**
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NA/12/24176/2023/35723 **Managing Director, Pungrain**

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NA/12/24175/2023/35722 **Managing Director, Pungrain**

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INBRIEF

HC pulls up RSS worker for delaying trial against Rahul

Granting relief to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, the Bombay High Court last week pulled up RSS worker Rajesh Kunte for unnecessarily delaying and protracting the trial, causing hurdles for Mr. Gandhi to seek a speedy trial in the 2014 defamation case. The judgment copy was made available on July 16. On July 12, a single-judge Bench of Justice Prithviraj K. Chavan allowed a writ petition filed by Mr. Gandhi. Justice Chavan said, "The petition is allowed. Impugned order and consequent exhibition of documents are quashed and set aside. The magistrate court is directed to proceed with the trial regarding the exhibit in accordance with the observations made in the order."

Ajmer court acquits six in provocative slogans case

A Sessions Court in Ajmer on Tuesday acquitted Gauhar Chishti, a *khadim* (worker) of the historic dargah in the city, and five others accused of inciting people from the gate of the shrine during a rally organised against suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma in June 2022. The prosecution had sought to connect Mr. Chishti's speech with the murder of tailor Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur. Mr. Chishti was arrested in July 2022 after a case was registered against him over allegedly objectionable slogans and his speech. Additional District and Sessions Court Judge Ritu Meena ruled in her judgment that there was "insufficient evidence" to substantiate the charges.

Darjeeling train crash: investigation points to lapses at multiple levels

Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety says it was an 'accident-in-waiting', and points to critical safety failures; he adds signal failures in automatic signalling territory was a cause of concern and must be taken up with research teams, manufacturers

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

The CCRS says the crash-worthiness features of passenger coaches should be reviewed. ANI

A preliminary investigation report of the Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety (CCRS) on the accident involving a goods train and the Kanchanjunga Express in Darjeeling district of West Bengal on June 17 has found lapses at multiple levels in managing train operations. Ten passengers were killed and 43 injured in the accident in which the goods train rammed Train no. 13174 Agartala-Sealdah Kanchanjunga Express from behind between the Rangapani and Chattar Hat stations in Katihar division.

In his interim report, Janak Kumar Garg said the accident came under the "error in train working" category. After examining the evidence and statements, he said the accident "occurred due to lapses at multiple levels in managing the train operations under automatic signal failures".

Mr. Garg said there was inadequate counselling of loco pilots and stationmasters about train operation in automatic signalling territory, creating misinterpretation and misunderstanding of rules. Walkie-talkie sets were not provided to the loco pilot and train manager and they were communicating using mobile phones.

Referring to the travel authority (T/A) 912 issued by the stationmaster of the Rangapani station authorising the loco pilot to cross the signal in danger, he said the signature of the train manager (guard) was not taken on the authority. The traffic inspector and chief loco inspectors were not sure what procedure to follow when T/A 912 was issued.

"It is really a matter of concern that if the teachers itself [traffic inspector and chief loco inspectors] are not aware of the subject, what knowledge they will impart to students [loco pilot and SS/SM]. Due to improper authority and that too without adequate information such an incident was an 'accident-in-waiting' and finally occurred on June 17, 2024," he said.

Walkie-talkie sets, being the safety critical equipment, should be made available to all loco pilots and train managers of all trains all the time. If required, changes could be made in the procurement policy to ensure availability. Recording of conversations made by the stationmaster through walkie-talkie should be ensured by providing VHF receiver-cum-recorder in data logger room.

Signal failures

The CCRS said the large number of signal failures in the automatic signalling territory was a cause of concern and should be taken up with the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to improve reliability in the system.

"The large number of signalling failures in the automatic signalling sections is defeating the very purpose of mobility enhancements and causing safety concerns also. This issue needs to be resolved on top priority," he said.

On the intervening night of June 17, the signal control office was manned by a technician.

"It is not possible to manage such a major signalling failure by a staff of technician level."

A joint procedural order to deal with signal failures in automatic signalling territory should be issued by the Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, Principal Chief Operations Manager and Principal Chief Electrical Engineer of the Northeast Frontier Railway. Introduction of new automatic signalling routes should be consummate with the provision of KAVACH.

"There is a need to revise and re-issue the General Rules. Further, the corresponding Subsidiary Rules is varying across the Zonal Railways. There is a need to bring uniformity in the Subsidiary Rules of Zonal Railways by the Railway Board to the maximum extent possible."

The CCRS said in his report that crash-worthiness features of passenger coaches should be reviewed.

Two more die of Chandipura viral infection in Gujarat

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Two more children died of suspected infection of Chandipura virus in Gujarat on Tuesday. A total of eight children had died from the virus.

The total number of infected persons has gone up to 15, said Gujarat Health Minister Rushikesh Patel in Gandhinagar.

So far, cases have been reported from Sabarkantha, Aravalli, Mahisagar, Kheda, Mehsana, and Rajkot districts, the Minister said. He said three cases from the neighbouring States – two from Rajasthan and one from Madhya Pradesh – had also been treated in Gujarat hospitals. Of the two patients from Rajasthan, one died.

He said the Health Department had undertaken intensive surveillance of the affected districts, and a special advisory had been issued to the community, and primary health centres, sub-district hospitals and medical colleges, to treat cases with certain symptoms, including Chandipura virus cases.

"Mortality rate in the disease is high and it is difficult for a patient to survive if there is a delay in getting treatment," he said.

CSIR chief N. Kalaiselvi gets two-year extension

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Nallathamby Kalaiselvi, the first woman Director-General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), on Tuesday was granted a two-year extension in service.

A government order said the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension of tenure of Ms. Kalaiselvi "for a period of two years beyond 07.08.2024, or until further orders". She was appointed to the post in August 2022.

She will also hold the charge of Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Ms. Kalaiselvi broke the proverbial glass ceiling by becoming the first woman scientist to head the CSIR-CECRI in February 2019.

Chouhan asks scientists to visit fields, help farmers to deploy technology

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Shivraj Singh Chouhan during the 96th foundation day of ICAR in New Delhi on Tuesday. X/@CHOUHANSHIVRAJ

Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has asked the scientific community to reach out to farmers and help them to increase production using science and technology. He was addressing agriculture and veterinary scientists at a function here on Tuesday to mark the 96th foundation day of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Mr. Chouhan said a majority of the country's farmers owned very little land and there was a need to create model farms for them. Citing his experience in Madhya Pradesh, where agriculture production increased when he was Chief Minister, he said if agriculture was diversified, it was possible to increase the income of farmers. "Work has to be done to increase production in animal husbandry, fish farming, wheat production, pulses and oilseeds," he said, adding that bringing self-reliance in production of pulses and edible oil is one of the main focus of the government.

He asked the scientists to assess how many of the 6,000 varieties of crops developed by the ICAR had reached the fields from the labs. "We have to work on how much the farmer and the scientist are connected. Unless science is used practically, the farmer will not benefit. It has to be analysed how much the farmer and the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) are connected," he said. He said if the ICAR sent at least two scientists to the 731 KVKs in the country, and if these scientists studied and did research from there, the farmers would get the benefit of it.

"Today, we should take a pledge that we will make India self-reliant in pulses and oilseeds too. The government will give full support for this," he said.

"All scientists should go to the fields for one month in a year and teach the farmers. All agricultural universities should work for the farmers. Agricultural universities, scientists and fields should be connected together," he said.

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Rajiv Ranjan Singh, aka Lalan Singh, who also addressed the gathering, said if the country did not pay attention to the livestock and fisheries sectors, which are contributing 35% to the GDP, then the sectors may fall down.

'1,151-cr. investment can help India in battery tech. race'

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

A strategic investment of ₹1,151 crore over five years could give India a significant international lead in the development of advanced technology necessary to make batteries to electrify the vehicles of tomorrow, a report published on Tuesday said.

The report has been prepared by the Automative Research Association of India (ARAI) and commissioned by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India.

The "e-mobility R&D Roadmap" breaks down necessary steps to achieve advanced capabilities in developing the technological knowhow to get a lead in battery technology. The four broad areas, or 'buckets', are: energy storage cells, electric vehicle aggregates, materials and recycling and, charging and refuelling. Each bucket is subdivided into projects that have timelines ranging from two to five years. The report includes a projected cost for each of these components and they cumulatively add up to ₹1,151 crore.

Battery technology is key to the electrification of vehicles. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

There are estimates of the degree of risk involved in the project ranging from 'nil' to 'high'. The projects also list out technical institutions that could potentially be roped in to deliver on specific components of the project.

"This is not a roadmap that will guarantee India's place as the world's foremost battery-maker in the next five years. Rather it is a strategic roadmap that shows what specifically needs to be done so that we do not lose the race (to be among the leaders in battery technology)," said Karthick Athmanathan, PSA fellow and professor of practice, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.

India's fleet of electric vehicles is primarily dependent on lithium-battery imports. While there were announcements on large lithium reserves in India, they are yet to be sufficiently exploited though the government has recently paved the private sector to mine for some of these 'rare earth' minerals.

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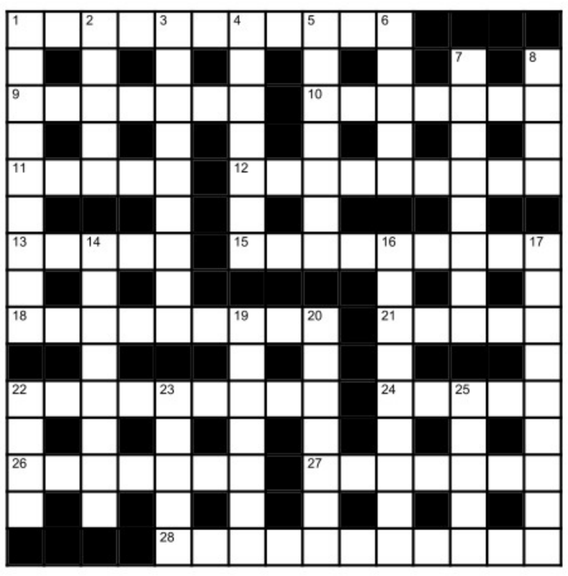

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22 Mislead reserves in encounter heartlessly leading to case, perhaps (9)
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26 Judge's note on release after collecting fine at the end (7)
27 Suggest getting a professional to model (7)
28 Protective glasses in car to stop and guard passengers eventually (11)

Down

1 Absurd cop breaks lockers (9)
2 Direction mentioned in gate to leading hospital (5)
3 Security for nurse can increase first in a riot (9)
4 Direction to hold spades that is most comfortable (7)
5 Collect rupees for dinar from cheat (7)
6 Stood out and displayed reportedly (5)
7 Guards' attempts to chase Senora given up halfway (8)
8 Delay support (4)
14 A small tool to write on notebook finally shaped fine (8)
16 Boy! I have managed to get our response (9)
17 Renown of Greek lunch, one without starter's shocking, sham basically (9)
19 Duke is gutted after cheat took million naira by force (7)
20 Bands expose English singer missing in Germany (7)
22 Auditor has money to procure vehicles (4)
23 Flight at Heathrow fell off after an error in the tail (5)
25 Case at Supreme Court on gold heist on 2nd (5)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Eight astounding acts

There are eight temples, where eight astounding acts of Lord Siva were recorded, said K.P. Nallasivam in a discourse. These are places where His acts of valour are said to have taken place. In Kandiyur, Siva crushed Brahma's pride by cutting off one of his five heads. Kandiyur is close to the sacred kshetra – Thiruvaiyaru. Siva is known in Kandiyur as Brahmasirakanteeswarar, and the Goddess is known as Mangalambikai. Thirukkovilur was the place where the demon Andakasura was slayed. Thiruvathigai was the place where the Lord destroyed the three cities of demons. This earned for Him the name of Tripurantaka. When Kamadeva, the god of love, tried to disturb Siva's penance, the Lord opened his third eye and burnt him down. Korukkai is the place where this took place. Thirukkadaiyur is the place where Siva saved Markandeya from the clutches of Yama. It is believed that worshipping at this shrine will confer longevity on the devotee. Thiruppariyalur is the place where Daksha was killed when he insulted Siva. Thiruvirkudi is the place where Siva killed the asura Jalandhara. Vazhuvur is the place where Siva is known as Gajasamharamurthy – the slayer of the elephant.

While all temples of Siva show us His greatness in one way or another, these eight temples are special. Lord Siva appears in Linga form in temples, to help us attain *mukti*.

INBRIEF

Bajaj Auto Q1 PAT rises 19% to ₹1,988 crore on robust sales

Bajaj Auto Ltd. reported first-quarter standalone net profit rose 19% from the year-earlier period to ₹1,988 crore. Turnover at ₹12,249 crore crore grew 15% year-on-year (YoY) on the back of robust vehicle sales and record revenue from spare parts. The quarter witnessed "volume expansion across both domestic and export businesses, further bolstered by a favourable mix to drive double-digit revenue growth yet again," the company said in a filing.

Gartner forecasts global IT spending to grow 7.5% in 2024

IT spending is expected to total $5.26 trillion worldwide in 2024, a 7.5% rise from 2023, as per the latest forecast by Stamford-based Gartner, Inc. This was a drop from the previous quarter's forecast of 8% growth but an increase on overall spend forecast of $5.06 trillion. "The change fatigue in CIOs we saw at the start of the year has abated and the contract backlogs going back to the third quarter of 2023 are being cleared," said John-David Lovelock, VP and Analyst at Gartner.

Tata Power sets FY25 capex at ₹20,000 crore: Chairman

Tata Power Ltd., an integrated power company, would invest ₹20,000 crore in FY25, Chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran told shareholders while speaking at the company's 105th Annual General Meeting here. "Tata Power plans to invest ₹20,000 crore capex in FY25. This is over and above the ₹12,000 crore invested in FY24. A large part of this will be towards accelerating the renewable-energy portfolio and balance towards transmission and distribution businesses."

'Food price anxiety may ebb as farm area sown increases'

A 10.3% rise in overall farm area sown, may help cool rising prices of food items, Bank of Baroda economists noted in a sowing update, citing a smart jump in rice, pulses and oilseeds acreage

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

An overall increase in farm area sown by 10.3% over last year, may help cool rising prices of food items in the coming months, despite the southwest monsoon's progress so far falling a tad short of the long period average and last year's rain levels by July 15.

While 12 States, including Kerala, Odisha, Punjab, Jharkhand and Haryana, were still facing deficient rainfall, the sown area of rice, pulses and oilseeds nationwide had increased by more than 20% by Monday, while bajra, jowar and coarse cereals were still lagging last year's levels, Bank of Baroda economist Sonal Badhan wrote in a monsoon and crop sowing update on Tuesday.

Within pulses, a steep rise in acreage of arhar had raised overall sowing by 26%, while moong, bean and other pulses had declined noticeably.

With major sowing occurring in July and August, the progress of monsoon would play a determinant role in managing food inflation and any shortfall could impact prices adversely, BoB economist Jahnavi Prabhakar wrote a note.

The sown area for oilseeds had risen 22% YoY, driven by a 31% growth in soybean sowing.

Planting hope

Despite deficit rain in 12 States, the sown area of rice, pulses and oilseeds had risen more than 20%, Bank of Baroda said

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- The sown area for oilseeds rose 22% YoY, driven by a 31% growth in soybean acreage
- With major sowing in July and August, monsoon progress to determine food inflation outlook

GTRI voices concerns over rise in precious metals import under UAE FTA

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) on Tuesday expressed serious concern over a spurt in import of precious metals from the UAE under the free trade agreement and demanded an investigation as it is impacting domestic jewellery industry and leading to potential annual revenue loss.

GTRI said that by addressing these issues, authorities can ensure the integrity of import practices, safeguard domestic industries, and prevent significant revenue losses.

Seeking an urgent review of the agreement, it said the India-UAE comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA) allows unlimited imports of gold, silver, platinum, and diamonds from the UAE into India with zero tariffs in the coming years.

This will lead to significant "annual revenue losses, move import business from banks to a few private traders, and replace top suppliers with Dubai-based firms," it said in its report.

"The zero-tariff policy under CEPA is projected to cause an annual revenue loss of ₹63,375 crore due to duty-free imports of gold and silver, based on FY24 import levels," it said.

It will also disrupt the domestic diamond and jewellery industry, with major imports coming from Gift City, which has transparency issues, it added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,717	0.06
US Dollar	83.58	0.04
Gold	75,700	0.73
Brent oil	83.95	-1.09

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3109.30	18.90
Adani Ports	1499.05	4.00
Apollo Hosp	6453.70	16.45
Asian Paints	2974.45	17.95
Axis Bank	1304.00	-3.45
Bajaj Auto	9718.35	45.00
Bajaj Finserv	1609.55	7.35
Bajaj Finance	7059.10	-4.65
Bharti Airtel	1466.50	28.90
BPCL	315.95	8.20
Britannia Ind	5862.35	52.65
Cipla	1510.40	-6.80
Coal India	512.45	14.70
Divis Lab	4570.80	-4.60
Dr Reddys Lab	6646.05	-148.70
Eicher Motors	4916.10	34.75
Grasim Ind	2827.35	23.60
HCL Tech	1569.55	-0.05
HDFC Bank	1619.75	-2.35
HDFC Life	646.75	8.70
Hero MotoCorp	5578.10	-28.25
Hindalco	690.80	-9.30
Hind Unilever	2688.45	68.15
ICICI Bank	1239.90	9.95
IndusInd Bank	1445.90	1.85
Infosys	1726.05	19.00
ITC	465.55	2.15
JSW Steel	934.35	2.65
Kotak Bank	1805.30	-38.25
L&T	3636.55	-15.05
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5562.35	84.20
M&M	2756.75	25.70
Maruti Suzuki	12639.55	-4.40
NestleIndia	2607.30	2.20
NTPC	380.45	-5.20
ONGC	322.65	0.15
PowerGrid Corp	342.45	-1.40
Reliance Ind	3152.50	-41.95
SBI Life	1621.35	7.90
State Bank	880.70	-0.65
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2813.50	-68.80
Sun Pharma	1579.30	-6.90
TataConsumerProduct	1176.25	27.45
Tata Motors	1021.15	-3.30
Tata Steel	167.07	0.31
TCS	4178.45	9.25
Tech Mahindra	1516.20	17.15
Titan	3234.05	9.85
UltraTech Cement	11658.70	-174.95
Wipro	559.70	0.00

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 16

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.38	83.70
Euro	90.86	91.22
British Pound	108.09	108.51
Japanese Yen (100)	52.64	52.84
Chinese Yuan	11.47	11.52
Swiss Franc	93.08	93.44
Singapore Dollar	62.04	62.29
Canadian Dollar	60.95	61.18
Malaysian Ringitt	17.82	17.91
Australian Dollar	56.23	56.45

Source:Indian Bank

NCLT puts Byju's on IBC mat on BCCI plea

Reuters
BENGALURU

The National Company Law Tribunal on Tuesday started insolvency proceedings for edtech firm Byju's after the Board of Control for Cricket in India complained about failure to recover $19 million in dues, dealing another blow to a firm that was once India's biggest start-up.

Byju's has suffered numerous setbacks in the past few years, leading to thousands of job cuts and a collapse in its valuation to less than $3 billion from $22 billion in 2022.

In this latest blow, the NCLT said "it cannot be disputed" that the parent of Byju's, Think & Learn Private Ltd., had availed itself of the services of the BCCI and had defaulted on roughly ₹159 crore.

"As we have always maintained, we wish to reach an amicable settlement with BCCI and we are confident that, despite this order, a settlement can be reached. In the meantime, our lawyers are reviewing the order and will take necessary steps to protect the company's interests," a spokesperson for Byju's said in a statement.

June's textile, apparel exports rose 1.63%

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

Textile and apparel exports grew 1.63% year-on-year in June.

While textile exports ($1,625.37 million) rose 0.5%, apparel shipments ($1,293.88 million) grew 3.68 %. From April to June, textile and apparel exports rose 4.08% year-on-year.

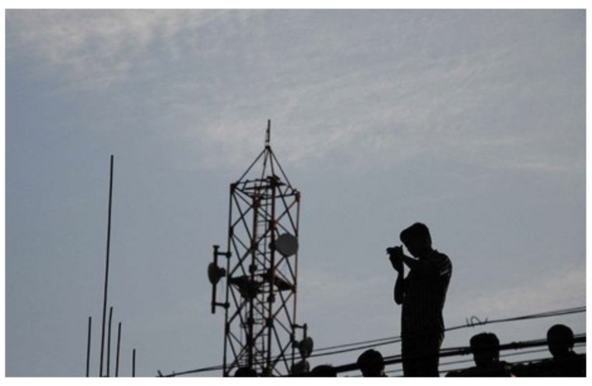
The current financial year has been good so far for the sector and is mainly due to the higher share of India in the U.S. market compared with competitors, said Rakesh Mehra, Chairman, Confederation of Indian Textile Industry.

The U.S. accounts for about 27 % of India's total textile and apparel exports. "The industry is optimistic about the growth of the textile industry and favourable policy measures in the upcoming budget will propel the growth of exports," he added.

'Telecom sector awaits next frontier in communications via policy reform'

BUDGET IN FOCUS

Lt. Gen. S.P. Kochhar



Connecting everyone: Supportive policies can foster a sustainable ecosystem benefiting all stakeholders. BUSINESSLINE

Over the past decade, India has achieved remarkable progress in digital connectivity and local manufacturing, propelled by the ambitious policy reforms aimed at raising India's status as a leading digital economy in the world.

And, thanks to these efforts, India is today the third-largest digitised country in the world, after U.S.A. and China. Telecommunications infrastructure acts as the cornerstone of these developments, providing connectivity across myriad devices and applications, contributing to a higher standard of living and economic growth.

The telecom industry submitted a few policy recommendations to the Ministry of Communications, which are crucial for achieving the government's vision of digital empowerment and inclusivity. The recommendations are vital for creating a favourable environment for the growth of telecom sector and to ensure the interests of the operators and consumers are addressed.

'Cut tax burden'

First, the government should consider the industry's recommendations for reducing the levy and tax burden experienced by the operators for several years. These include the long-standing demands for abolishing the USOF levy, as well as reducing the licence fee from 3% to 1%.

Another important recommendation is related to gross revenue (GR). There is an ambiguity in the current definition of GR, which leads to imperfect calculation of taxes pertaining to non-telecom activities.

Operators' revenue from activities for which no licence is required must not be considered to be part of GR.

'Service Tax exemption'

The industry strongly urges the government to exempt Service Tax on additional AGR liabilities imposed by the Supreme Court's judgment. These recommendations are essential for the recovery of the industry's financial health, ensuring efficient 5G roll-out and sustaining the sector's growth and competitiveness.

Besides, reduction of customs duty to zero and gradually increasing for the manufacturing ecosystem, especially for 4G and 5G products, is desirable. Telcos also urge for exemption of GST under Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM) on payments made to DoT for licence fee, spectrum-usage charges and spectrum acquired in auctions.

At the same time, with the current customs duty exemption for submarine cable vessels set to expire in September, it would be crucial to prevent an increase in cable-laying costs in the future.

Another major recommendation pertains to the prioritisation of 6 GHz spectrum for 5G in India.

A recent report by GSMA says India can save as much as $10 billion annually in 5G network deployment through the use of 6 GHz spectrum.

'Plan 6 GHz resources'

This spectrum reserve is also crucial for India to advance in the 6G era.

The industry urges the government to strategically plan the 6 GHz resources for 6G as well.

The availability of 6 GHz will significantly enhance the quality and coverage of the mobile network in India. It will not only boost the growth of data usage but also help position 5G as a pivotal technology for a wide range of applications, including drones, telemedicine and smart cities.

The Telecommunications Act 2023 has brought hopes for the industry, especially in issues like Right of Way (RoW).

The Bill has incorporated several crucial measures such as standardising the RoW rules across States, simplifying the licensing process, delinking telecom infrastructure from property taxes and facilitating the telecom infrastructure build-out on private properties.

'Streamline RoW'

These provisions are vital for the rapid deployment of telecom infrastructure, especially for the rollout of 5G services.

To realise the full potential of these reforms, it is imperative the government prioritise its implementation. Streamlining RoW policies will help reduce bureaucratic delays and operational hurdles, enabling telecom operators to expand and upgrade their networks more efficiently.

Moreover, clear and uniform RoW regulations will provide much-needed clarity and certainty for telecom investments and drastically improve the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) of the sector, which is critical to achieve the targets set by the government.

As India aims for global leadership in 5G deployment and awaits the next frontier in 6G communications, there is optimism within the industry about the transformative opportunities they offer for the country's overall growth.

Boosting coverage

Enhancing coverage, speed and accessibility is pivotal for effective implementation and ensuring seamless service delivery.

This ambitious goal can be achieved through collaborative efforts between the government and industry, bolstered by supportive policies that foster a sustainable ecosystem benefiting all stakeholders.

(Lt. Gen. S.P. Kochhar is DG, Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI))

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No. DUDC/CMSMTDP-4/CR/218/2021-22 Date : 08-07-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP portal only)

The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar invites KPP procurement tender from eligible Suppliers under Chief Minister's Amruth Nagarothana Phase-4 Project. Work details as follows. **1) Name of the Work :** Supply of 04 Wheel Scooter / Motor cycle for the Physically Challenged beneficiaries in the ULB's limits of Chamarajanagar District, Estimated Cost : 69.52 Lakhs, EMD Amount : 1,40,000.00, 2) **Name of work :** Supply and Installations of Laptops for the beneficiaries in the ULB's limits of Chamarajanagar District, Estimate Cost : 44.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount : Rs. 88,000.00, 3) **Name of the work :** Supply and installations of Sewing Machines for the beneficiaries in the ULB's limits of Chamarajanagar District, Estimated Cost : 44.60 Lakhs, EMD Amount : Rs. 89,200.00. Last date for submission of bids for all the tenders is : 23.07.2024 5.00 P.M., Prebid Meeting Venue & Date : 15-07-2024 at 11.00 A.M. (Room No. 127, DUDC, DC Office, Chamarajanagar), Date of opening of tenders technical bids: 24.07.2024 at 5.00 P.M. & Date of opening of Financial bids : Informed to technically qualified bidders. Interested Suppliers/Agency's shall register on the Kpp platform to participate in this tender. Suppliers/Agency's can download the tender documents from Kpp procurement platform (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. EMD and tender processing fees shall also be paid electronically For further details go through tender document or contact Executive Engineer. District Urban Development Cell, DC Office, Chamarajanagar during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR : CHANAGAR:109:2024-25 District Urban Development Cell, Chamarajanagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that, the General Power of Attorney Dated 25/04/2018 executed by my client Smt. Subbalakshmi @ Suma, W/o Narayanappa, D/o Late M. Muthappa, Aged 54 years, R/at No. 159, Narayanaghatta Village, Muthanalluru Post, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560 099, her share in the agriculture land bearing Sy.No.192/P-1, measuring an area of 5 Acres, (2,17,800 Sq.ft) out of total extent of 11 Acres 06 Guntas (Classified as Govt. Gomal land in Sy.No.192, de-reserving for "Bagar Hukum Saguvali") situated at Kattigenahalli Village, Jala (2) Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk has been cancelled with effect from 15/07/2024. Any person/s dealing with the said Sri. V. Venkatesulu, S/o Late. V. Govindappa, Aged about 56 years, Advocate, R/at. Dr. GrooveApts, 3rd Floor, 1st Main, 10th Cross, Dollars Colony (HIG), RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560094, in any manner either for purchase of the said land or entering into any kind of agreements / transactions without consent of my client in writing, they will be doing so at their own risk and consequences and my client will not be responsible for such illegal transactions.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agriculture land bearing Sy.No. 192/P-1, measuring an area of 5 Acres, (2,17,800 Sq.ft) out of total extent of 11 Acres 06 Guntas (Classified as Govt. Gomal land in Sy.No. 192, de-reserving for "Bagar Hukum Saguvali") situated at Kattigenahalli Village, Jala (2) Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, bounded on:

East by : ChikkaGullappa's Land (Eviction by Virtue of the Order dtd 23/04/1979), West by : Property of Yelahanka Gullappa and others, North by : Property of Ashwathappa and Paravathamma, South by : Bagalur Main Road (Formerly known as Yelahanka- Vijapura Road)

M.K. LOKESHA
M.T. NANAIAH ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES,
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201, 2nd Floor, 4th Main, Gandhinagar,
Bangalore-560 009.
Bengaluru Date : 16/07/2024

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE NO. 16/2024 Dated : 12/07/2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender through IREPS only for supply of following items: Tender Closing Time: 10:30 Hrs.

Sl.	Tender No.	Description in Brief	Qty.	Tender Due on
1	CH241401	Osimertinib 80MG TAB	180 Nos	22.07.2024
2	CH241086	Recombinant Human DNA Origin Monocomponent Insulin	1500 Nos	22.07.2024
3	30241334	Two Piece FRP Glass Shutter	2411 Nos	30.07.2024
4	60242042	Glass Filled Nylon-66 Insulating Liners	809420 Nos	31.07.2024
5	33241372	SS Inner Bracket for Bio Tank	348 Nos	07.08.2024
6	83241103	Top coated Thermal Paper Ticket	43964 Rolls	12.08.2024
7	33241234	Inter Car Gangway Mounting	254 Nos	12.08.2024
8	83243000	Eco-Friendly Paper Packing Bed Roll Cover	15399303 Nos	19.08.2024
9	33241390	One Coach Set of Air Spring Assembly 160 KN Capacity	72 Set	19.08.2024
10	33241069A	Non asbestos based organic Brake Pad	29045 Nos	14.08.2024
11	56241091A	PVC Signalling Cable 12 core 1.5 sq.mm	473 Kms	05.08.2024

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
PUB/272/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25 Principal Chief Materials Manager, Hubballi
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. HE-08-2024-25
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	Sub Work-I : Electrical arrangements to Proposed construction of additional staff quarters Type-II-12 units at Dharwad. Sub Work-II : Improvement to Central Hospital old building at Gadag Road Hubballi (including Civil & Electrical work).	Rs. 53,46,916/-
2	Sub Work-I : Electrical arrangements for Provision of Raising and Extension of Platform No. 01/02 at Annigeri Railway Station (NGR). Sub Work-II : Electrical arrangements for Proposed extension raising of PF No.4 Ginigera Railway Station.	Rs. 20,12,835.50
3	Electrical arrangements to high level platforms and other buildings including wiring, lighting, cabling, control panels, steel poles etc., as per schedules of work at various stations under Hubballi Division.	Rs. 83,63,304/-
4	Provision of 2 Nos. High masts at MGD Ballast siding under Hubballi Division.	Rs. 8,10,490/-
5	Provision of Air conditioners for Transit quarters at Hubballi, Conference rooms at CRH, C&W HPT and certain Running rooms, Rest rooms, crew lobby area, SS Offices of NSG-1 to NSG-4 stations over Hubballi Division.	Rs. 12,18,405/-

Last date for submission of bids: Up to 11:00 Hrs on 09-08-2024
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/General
PUB/270/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25 Hubballi
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. 17 UBL 2024-25
10.07.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	Hubballi Division : Extension of compound wall near PF-6 to wards South Hubballi at 3rd Entry.	Rs. 37,44,950/-
2	Hubballi Division : Provision of alternative water supply pipe line System to staff quarters at Rail Nagar colony Hubballi.	Rs. 34,38,148/-
3	Hubballi Division : Sub Work - I : Proposed Construction of Additional Rooms at officers rest House at Badami. Sub Work - II : Badami - Proposed Construction of 02 Additional rooms at officers rest house at Badami.	Rs. 74,73,454/-
4	Hubballi Division : Supply of Ballast at Mugad depot in DEN/HQ/Hubballi Section.	Rs. 4,08,19,944/-
5	Hubballi Division : Improvements to water proofing of leaking roof, drainage, doors, windows, bathrooms, kitchen, plinth protection, painting in golf links colony at broak road colony Hubballi.	Rs. 2,20,49,720/-
6	Hubballi Division : Hubballi - Karajgi : Improvements to doors, windows, flooring, roofs, UGD pipelines, painting to staff quarters in Hubballi - Karajgi Section.	Rs. 75,50,868/-
7	Hubballi Division : Termite treatment for quarters in Golf link officers colony and brook road officers colony at Hubballi.	Rs. 23,55,064/-

Last date for submission of bids: Up to 11:00 Hrs on 07-08-2024
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination
PUB/265/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25 Hubballi
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

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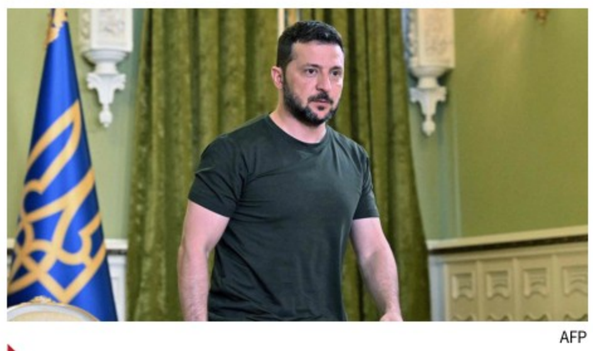
SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Notice Auction Sale : H/C.592/LPO/Auction/UBL/2024 Dated : 11-07-2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.
Name of the Auction sale : Undelivered Parcels & Raddi Paper lying at Lost Property Office Hubballi, will be sold by public Auction at Hubballi Railway Station.
Date & Time of Auction Sale : 24-07-2024 at 11.00 Hrs.
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager
PUB/268/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25 Hubballi
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

MOSCOW

Russia gives cautious reaction to Zelenskyy's new summit offer



AFP

The Kremlin, in response to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's apparent invitation to a future peace summit, said it needs to understand what Kyiv means before attending talks. In a change of tone, Mr. Zelenskyy said on Monday that Russia "should" be represented at a second summit on the Ukraine conflict. AFP

LONDON

Wales First Minister Vaughan Gething resigns after four months

AP

Wales's First Minister Vaughan Gething announced on Tuesday he would step down after just four months in the job, dealing a blow to the U.K.'s new Labour government. He was hit by controversies since he was elected in March, and his position became untenable after four Ministers quit his devolved administration. AFP

MUSCAT

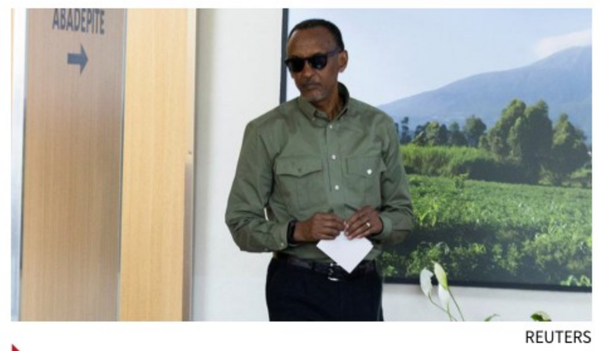
Four Pakistanis among six killed in shooting near Oman Shia mosque

AFP

Six people including four Pakistanis were killed and nearly 30 wounded in a shooting near a Shia mosque in the Omani capital Muscat. Monday's mosque attack, which has yet to be claimed, came as Shiites this week mark Ashura, an annual day of mourning. The three gunmen behind the attack were killed. AFP

KIGALI

Rwanda's incumbent Kagame wins fourth term with 99% of vote



REUTERS

Rwandan President Paul Kagame was gearing up on Tuesday for a fourth term after winning 99.15% of votes according to partial results from an election where only two challengers were allowed to run against him. The outcome was never in doubt, with Kagame ruling the small African nation for three decades. AFP

Trump gets a hero's welcome at party meet

The former President picks Ohio Senator J.D. Vance as his running mate; at the Republican Convention, Trump, who survived an attempt on his life on Saturday, appeared with a bandage on his right ear and was formally nominated to head the party ticket in November's election against Joe Biden

Associated Press
MILWAUKEE

Two days after surviving an attempted assassination, former U.S. President Donald Trump appeared triumphantly at the Republican National Convention's opening night with a bandage over his right ear, the latest compelling scene in a presidential campaign already defined by dramatic turns.

GOP delegates cheered wildly when Mr. Trump appeared onscreen backstage and then emerged in the arena, visibly emotional, as musician Lee Greenwood sang "God Bless the USA". That was hours after the convention had formally nominated the former President to head the Republican ticket in November against U.S. President Joe Biden.

Back at work: Donald Trump smiles as he is cheered on by J. D. Vance, right, during the first day of the 2024 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee in Wisconsin on Tuesday. AFP

Mr. Trump, accompanied by a wall of Secret Service agents, did not address the hall – with his acceptance speech scheduled for Thursday – but smiled silently and occasionally waved as Greenwood sang. He eventually joined his newly announced running mate, Ohio Sen. J,D, Vance, to listen to the night's remaining speeches, often with a subdued expression and muted reactions uncharacteristic for the unabashed showman.

Call for unity

The raucous welcome underscored the depth of the crowd's affection for the man who won the 2016 nomination as an outsider.

"We must unite as a party, and we must unite as a nation," said Republican Party Chairman Michael Whatley, Mr. Trump's handpicked party leader, as he opened Monday's prime-time national convention session. "We must show the same strength and resilience as President Trump and lead this nation to a greater future."

Saturday's shooting at a Pennsylvania rally, where Mr. Trump was injured and one man died, was clearly in mind, but the proceedings were celebratory – a stark contrast to the anger and anxiety that had marked the previous few days.

When Mr. Trump cleared the necessary number of delegates, video screens in the arena read "OVER THE TOP" while the song "Celebration" played and delegates danced and waved Trump signs. Throughout the voting, delegates flanked by "Make America Great Again" signs applauded as state after state voted their support for a second Trump term.

Usha Vance, spouse of Trump's running mate, has India roots

Press Trust of India
MILWAUKEE

Indian-American lawyer Usha Chilukuri Vance has burst into the national spotlight after her husband, J.D. Vance, was named by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump as his running mate.

Ms. Usha, 38, would be the first Indian-American Second Lady, if Mr. Trump and Mr. Vance win the November 5 Presidential election against incumbent President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris. Ms. Usha joined her 39-year-old husband on Monday as he accepted the nomination in an acclimation vote by delegates at the Republican Convention.

Usha Chilukuri Vance

Democrat credentials

The daughter of Indian immigrants, Ms. Usha grew up in a San Diego suburb. Friends from her childhood and adolescence described her as a "leader" and a "bookworm." As of 2014, she was a registered Democrat.

Ms. Usha, a graduate of Yale Law School, is a civil litigation attorney at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP. She has clerked for Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts. She also clerked for Justice Brett Kavanaugh while he was a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit.

Ms. Usha and Mr. Vance met at Yale Law School where the two were studying.

She would be the first Hindu spouse of a Vice-President – and would succeed second gentleman Doug Emhoff, who is the first Jewish spouse of a Vice-President, *The New York Post* reported.

The Vance couple was married in 2014 in Kentucky and were blessed by a Hindu priest at a different event.

The Vances have three children. Ms. Usha said she was reluctant to gain greater public exposure in a *Fox & Friends* joint interview with her husband last month.

J.D. Vance's successful 2022 Senate campaign was "an adventure," she said, but "I'm not raring to change anything about our lives right now." "But I believe in JD and I really love him, and so we'll just sort of see what happens with our life," she said.

Mr. Vance said that his wife "is not a Christian" but was "very supportive" of his deepening faith.

Asked about the challenges of an interfaith marriage, she said, "There are a lot of things that we just agree on, I think, especially when it comes to family life, how to raise our kids. And so I think the answer really is, we just talk a lot." Prior to law school, she got a Bachelor's degree in history from Yale and a Master of Philosophy degree from the University of Cambridge.

Six killed as protests rock Bangladesh, schools shut

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Bangladesh ordered schools around the country to close indefinitely on Tuesday after six students were killed in violent protests that prompted the mobilisation of paramilitaries.

Every high school, Islamic seminary and vocational education institute around the country was told to remain shut until further notice following weeks of escalating demonstrations against civil service hiring policies.

'North Korean diplomat in Cuba defected to South Korea'

Associated Press
SEOUL

South Korea's spy agency said on Tuesday that a senior North Korea diplomat based in Cuba has fled to South Korea, the latest defection by members of the North's ruling elite that likely hurt leader Kim Jong-un's push to bolster his leadership.

The National Intelligence Service said media reports on the defection of a North Korean counselor of political affairs in Cuba were true.

South Korea's mass-circulation *Chosun Ilbo* newspaper reported earlier on Tuesday that diplomat Ri Il Kyu fled to South Korea with his wife and children in November.

Ri Il Kyu

Chosun Ilbo cited Mr. Ri as telling the newspaper in an interview that he had decided to defect because of what he called disillusionment with North Korea's political system, an unfair job evaluation by Pyongyang's Foreign Ministry, and the ministry's disapproval of his hopes to visit Mexico to treat his neural damage. He said that hospitals in Cuba did not have the necessary medical equipment to treat his health problem due to international sanctions.

Mr. Ri defected before South Korea and Cuba established diplomatic ties in February, an event that experts say likely posed a political blow to North Korea.

Gaza civilian toll is 'unacceptably high', Blinken tells Israel

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Israeli strikes killed more than 60 people in south and central Gaza overnight and into Tuesday

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken told two top Israeli officials on Monday of the "unacceptably high" civilian casualties in Israel's bombardment of the besieged Gaza Strip.

Mr. Blinken received two influential Israeli officials "to express our serious concern about the recent civilian casualties in Gaza."

"We continue to see far too many civilians killed in this conflict," State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said.

Meanwhile, Israeli airstrikes killed more than 60 Palestinians in southern and central Gaza overnight and into Tuesday, including one that struck an Israeli-declared "safe zone" crowded with thousands of displaced people.

Sport

Bawa, second Indian man after Kush to make World junior semifinals

SQUASH

Sports Bureau

Shaurya Bawa became only the second Indian man after Kush Kumar in 2014 to reach the semifinals of the World junior squash championships in Houston on Monday.

The 18-year-old from Delhi, seeded 17/32, rallied to defeat Malaysia's Low Wa-Sern (17/32) 2-11, 11-4, 10-12, 11-8, 12-10 in the last-eight stage to assure India of a medal.

A thriller: The 18-year-old Bawa rallied to defeat Malaysia's Wa-Sern. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Fighting it out

In a thriller that lasted 80 minutes, Bawa was down 6-9 and 7-10 in the fifth game but saved three match balls for victory.

He will meet Egyptian top-seed Mohamed Zakaria in the semifinals.

Anahat Singh (5/8) bowed out in the girls' quarterfinals for the third straight year. The 16-year-old Indian went down against Nadien Elhammamy (3/4) of Egypt 11-8, 11-9, 5-11, 10-12, 13-11.

Lalit's redemption and his quest for Olympic glory

HOCKEY

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

From being a hapless victim of a sting operation at the start of his career to becoming an Olympic medallist, Indian men's hockey team striker Lalit Upadhyay has worked hard to rebuild his career and considers all the setbacks as blessings in disguise.

Unnecessary scandal

At the the age of 17 in 2008, Lalit's fledging career came to a sudden halt when he was embroiled in an unnecessary scandal for no fault of his. Lalit was unaware of such a 'deal' and shaken by the incident, he almost quit hockey.

"If this happens to any boy who is immature and has come into the team with big dreams, he would be shattered. We had only heard about India winning eight Olympic medals but had not seen it happen in front of us. It was a dream to play in the Olympics and win a medal," Lalit said.

"But in a way it was a blessing in disguise for me. When I faced all this in the beginning, I became mentally stronger. Although I have forgotten that incident, whenever I remember it, I feel stronger.

"Now the circumstances have changed a lot, social media has also come, so it will not happen with anyone. I consider myself lucky that I have left that behind and now going to play in the Olympics for the second time. Whenever I wear this jersey, I get inspired to do something special," said the 30-year-old forward, who was a vital member of India's bronze medal-winning side in Tokyo.

An Olympic bronze and Asian Games gold already in his kitty, Lalit is now focussed on changing the colour of the medal in Paris Games, starting July 26.

"We know that expectations are high because we won an Olympic medal after a long time in Tokyo. We are confident that the colour of the medal will be changed," said Lalit, who has scored 45 goals in 168 international appearances.

"These boys (young players) have won gold medal in the Asian Games and overcame the pressure to qualify for the Olympics, so they are capable of handling pressure. We have been playing with them for a long time and the coordination is good," he said.

Second coming: Lalit feels the setbacks in his life are a blessing in disguise. FILE PHOTO: R. RAGU

FEELING GOOD

Lakshya underdog in reasonable draw, will play freely: coach Vimal

GETTY IMAGES

Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen has got a "fair" draw in his debut Olympics, according to his coach Vimal Kumar, who expects the youngster to play freely in Paris thanks to his "underdog" status and some technical improvements in his overall game. "I think it (the draw) is very fair, I feel it is a very reasonable draw for him," Vimal said.

MOVING UP

Sumit Nagal attains a career-high ATP singles ranking of 68

GETTY IMAGES

Sumit Nagal climbed to a career-high 68 on the ATP singles chart, rising five spots. He thus moves past former World No. 71 Sashi Menon to become the fourth highest-ranked Indian man since 1973. Only Vijay Amritraj (18th in 1980), Ramesh Krishnan (23 in 1985) and Somdev Devvarman (62 in 2011) have held a higher rank.

CLIMBING THE LADDER

Harmanpreet moves to 12th, Shafali 15th in ICC T20 rankings

EMMANUAL YOGINI

India opener Shafali Verma on Tuesday moved to 15th place while her skipper Harmanpreet Kaur climbed to the 12th spot in the latest ICC T20 rankings. Smriti Mandhana remains the top-ranked Indian batter (fifth spot). In the bowlers' list, Deepti Sharma continued her stay at the third place. Radha Yadav moved eight spots to 15th.

JASPER'S DAY OUT

Philipsen wins Stage 16 as Girmay falls in final dash

AP

Belgian Jasper Philipsen won a bunch sprint on Stage 16 of the Tour de France at Nimes on Tuesday while his green sprint points jersey rival Biniam Girmay fell in the final dash. Overnight leader Tadej Pogacar has a three-minute nine-second advantage over defending champion Jonas Vingegaard while Remco Evenepoel remains third at 5m 19s.

It was a roller-coaster ride after the Tokyo Olympics: Anjum

The rifle shooter reflects on her learnings during COVID-19, her setbacks and how her hobby helps her remain calm; the 30-year-old feels that focusing on her mental training has brought about a positive change in attitude

SHOOTING

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Rifle shooter Anjum Moudgil has emerged stronger from a few professional setbacks to approach Paris 2024 with a positive mindset.

Anjum, who competed in 50m rifle 3-position and 10m air rifle mixed team event in the Tokyo Olympics and finished 15th and 18th respectively, is competing only in 50m 3-position this time.

She spoke about the past three years to put things into perspective.

Learning curve: Anjum believes her experiences have made her stronger. FILE PHOTO: RITU RAJ KONWAR

Uncertain times

"The environment was different because of Covid and we were away for two months training in Croatia. Everything was tentative, we had to give our tests every day in the morning and it was like any day anyone could be Covid positive and not allowed to shoot. All this really disturbs you," Anjum said during an interaction on Tuesday.

"The three years after Tokyo were a roller-coaster ride for me and I'm very grateful for all those experiences. I'm sure all of those experiences would help me in Paris."

Bouncing back

The 30-year-old Chandigarh shooter, a World championships silver medallist in 2022, revealed how she bounced back.

"Exactly one year after Tokyo, winning a couple of medals in the World Cups and becoming the world number one were different experiences for me.

"After that I started focusing on my mental training and it has been such a positive change.

"That is the main change in my mindset going into the Paris Olympics. I'm thankful to all the experiences that really didn't work in my favour last year.

Best time

"The time not being in the team was the best time I could have used for myself to get better."

Her hobby, painting, took a back-seat last year when she focused too hard on shooting after losing her place in the team. Later, she realised that it helped her unwind.

"Now I'm back into painting and it's a part of my shooting routine," said Anjum.

Anjum, who fought back to the team through tough Olympics selection trials, said being pushed by younger shooters, including Sift Kaur Samra in 50m 3-position, helped her improve.

"I've learned so many things from them," said Anjum.

Balaji has the firepower to do well, says Bopanna

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NEW DELHI

Ideal foil: Bopanna believes that Balaji will rise to the occasion at the Paris Games. FILE PHOTO

Rohan Bopanna is all fired up for his last hurrah at the Olympic Games.

Not the one who would rail against circumstances or crib about not having the strongest of partners, the veteran Indian tennis player says his comrade Sriram Balaji has enough firepower and the scratch pairing is potent enough to test the big teams in Paris.

Had Bopanna been ranked outside the top-10, India would not have any representation in the men's doubles event at the Paris Olympics.

The 44-year-old had to make a choice between Balaji and Yuki Bhambri and after consulting his coaches – Scott Davidoff and Balachandran Mannikkath – he eventually settled for the more "athletic and agile" Balaji.

"I really believe that when we go out there, we genuinely have a chance to win every match, whoever we play against. It's not like we're just going to be written off, I feel," Bopanna said.

Bopanna has reason to have that confidence in Balaji's ability to rise to the occasion.

He had a chance to test Balaji at the French Open where Bopanna was pushed along with Matthew Ebden by the Tamil Nadu player and his Mexican partner Miguel Reyes-Varela.

Not only this, Balaji had a consistent run on the ATP Tour where he scalped a few big names such as Americans Rajeev Ram and Austin Krajicek – both top-10 players – at the Houston ATP 250 event on clay.

With his German partner Andre Begemann, Balaji also defeated Austria's top-50 players Alexander Erler and Lucas Miedler.

Balaji also showed that he can quickly adapt to conditions when he was asked to do the singles duty during the Davis Cup tie against Pakistan on grass.

The rival was not of the highest quality, but Balaji showed that he was willing to come out of his comfort zone if the team demands.

"The idea is to go prepared, at least believe in as a team. That is what we're trying to do. With Bala, he definitely has the firepower to do well," Bopanna said.

Sreeja. REUTERS

Sreeja seeded 16th at the Olympics

Sports Bureau

India's highest-ranked women's table tennis player Sreeja Akula has been seeded 16th for the Paris Games, while compatriot Manika Batra is 18th as per the seedings revealed by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) on Tuesday.

Among the men, Sharath Kamal, who is set to make his fifth Olympic appearance and is the flagbearer at the Opening Ceremony, is seeded 24th while National champion Harmeet Desai is 49th.

India is also poised to debut in the team events and the above four singles players will be joined by Manav Thakkar (men) and Archana Kamath. (women). The men's team is seeded 14th, while Sreeja & Co. are 11th.

There is no Indian presence in the mixed doubles competition.

Making Spain a more versatile attacking team was the key to success

FOOTBALL

Associated Press
BARCELONA

Bright future: Yamal and Williams combined well in Spain's stupendous run at Euro 2024. AFP

Spain arrived in Germany with no huge stars and no real expectations. Six weeks later, Luis de la Fuente's team headed home with a European Championship title to celebrate and reason to believe in a bright future.

The youthful spark of Lamine Yamal and Nico Williams combined perfectly with the veteran poise of Rodri and other mainstays who had yet to win a major trophy as Spain completed its superb Euro 2024 in the final with a 2-1 win over England on Sunday.

The key was making Spain a more dynamic and versatile attacking team to end a decade of "tiki-taka" misfires.

"We hope this can keep going and we can shoot for the World Cup," the 22-year-old said after scoring the opening goal of the final. "I said before the tournament, nobody can hang with us. We are a great team."

The euphoria was justified.

Spain won all seven games – with none going to penalties – and scored a record 15 goals at a European Championship. And those victories came against the top traditional powers on the continent, as Spain downed Croatia and Italy in the group phase before eliminating Germany and France to reach the final.

"We made history beating four world champions in a row," Rodri said.

The team flew to Madrid on Monday, when captain Alvaro Morata showed off the trophy on the stairs leading down to the tarmac. The team then visited Spain's King Felipe VI and Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez before partying with thousands of fans in the capital.

Rodri was named the player of the tournament, even without playing the second half of the final due to a leg problem. The Manchester City midfielder is Spain's leading candidate to finally win its first men's Ballon d'Or award since Luis Suarez back in 1960.

The title ends a 12-year wait since a group piloted by Andres Iniesta and Xavi Hernandez dominated world soccer after sweeping up the 2008 and 2012 Euros and the 2010 World Cup.

The only member of the team who knew what it was like to win a major title was the 38-year-old Jesus Navas, who played at the 2010 World Cup and Euro 2012.

It's time for a change and for a new chapter: Southgate

Double duty: Southgate says it was an honour to play for England as well as guide it. REUTERS

Associated Press
LONDON

After eight years, four tournaments and two finals, Gareth Southgate announced he was stepping down as England manager on Tuesday, saying it was "time for change."

Sunday's 2-1 loss to Spain in the European Championship final proved to be his last game in charge of the national team.

"As a proud Englishman, it has been the honour of my life to play for England and to manage England. It has meant everything to me, and I have given it my all," he said. "But it's time for change, and for a new chapter." Southgate's contract was due to expire this year and his announcement comes after months of uncertainty surrounding his future.

"Gareth has made the impossible job possible and laid strong foundations for future success. He is held in the highest regard by the players, the backroom team, by everyone at the FA and across the world of football," said Mark Bullingham, chief executive of the English Football Association.

"We look back at Gareth's tenure with huge pride - his contribution to the English game, including a significant role in player development, and in culture transformation has been unique. However, it is his record of winning tournament games which is most extraordinary," Bullingham said.

Now thoughts will turn to finding Southgate's successor and the FA said the process was already underway.

Mbappe welcomed by the Madrid fans at a packed Bernabeu

Associated Press
MADRID

Mbappe. GETTY IMAGES

Kylian Mbappe finally put on a Real Madrid jersey on Tuesday, fulfilling his childhood dream in front of a packed Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

Nearly 80,000 fans were in hand at the Bernabeu to welcome the 25-year-old France star during his official presentation as the club's newest player.

After signing his five-year contract with the Spanish powerhouse alongside club president Florentino Perez, Mbappe entered the stage set up at the Bernabeu to loud cheers by the Madrid fans.

Wearing the No. 9 jersey, Mbappe smiled broadly and waved to the fans who chanted his name, then embraced Perez and former Madrid player and coach Zinedine Zidane, who invited Mbappe to visit the Spanish club for the first time when he was just a teenager.

"It's incredible day for me," Mbappe told the crowd in Spanish.

"Since being a kid I dreamed about playing for Madrid and today I'm here. It means a lot to me."

Mbappe's relatives, club officials and several former players were on the stage at the Bernabeu, which had its roof closed for the midday ceremony. Kids linked to Mbappe's foundation were also on hand.

The record-15 European Cups won by Madrid were also on display on the stage where Mbappe was introduced.

The message "Welcome, Mbappe" was shown on the large video boards at the newly revamped Bernabeu. Some of the club's most iconic moments were also shown while the song *Nessun Dorma* was played on the loudspeakers.

"Images of Mbappe's career were also displayed, as well as photos including Mbappe wearing Madrid's uniform as a kid and posing alongside former club star Cristiano Ronaldo.

INBRIEF

France's Olivier Giroud ends his international career

France's all-time leading goalscorer Olivier Giroud confirmed his international retirement on Monday, calling time on a career that saw him score 57 goals in 137 appearances. "The long-dreaded moment has arrived: the moment of saying goodbye to the French national team," Giroud wrote on *Instagram*.

Haas to continue using Ferrari engines till end of 2028

The Haas Formula 1 team has extended its partnership with engine provider Ferrari until the end of the 2028 season. Haas said in a statement on Tuesday that the deal "provides long-term engine stability" with the next major change in regulations due in 2026. Ferrari has been the only engine provider for Haas.

Punjab FC retains five Indians ahead of new ISL season

Punjab FC on Tuesday retained five Indian players, including midfielder Ashis Pradhan and goalkeeper Ravi Kumar, on multi-year deals for the upcoming Indian Super League season. The other retained players are Ricky Shabong, Manglenthang Kipgen and Suresh Meitei. While Ravi and Pradhan will remain at the club till May 2026, centreback Meitei and midfielder Ricky will be part of Punjab FC till May 2027. Kipgen, also a midfielder, will continue till May 2028.

LIVE TELECAST

TNPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 7.15 p.m.
Cycling: Tour de France, Eurosport (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.

Returning to the 'terre battue' at Roland Garros

For the first time in more than 30 years, tennis at an Olympics will be held on red clay, so players who made the adjustment to grass at Wimbledon will need to reverse course in short order

TENNIS

Associated Press
PARIS

Not a struggle: Pegula is one of the few who believes there's 'not a lot to get used to'. GETTY IMAGES

The competition surface doesn't change for most Olympic sports. A pool's a pool. A track's a track. A wrestling mat's a mat. And so on. Tennis? That's a whole other story, with tournaments contested on clay, hard or grass courts – and now there's a shift for the Paris Games.

For the first time in more than 30 years, the tennis competition at an Olympics will be held on red clay, which means players who recently made the adjustment from the dirt at the French Open in early June to grass at Wimbledon in early July will need to reverse course again in short order.

The "terre battue" at Roland Garros used for the French Open hosts Olympic matches starting on July 27 – two weeks after Wimbledon wrapped up with singles titles for Barbora Krejcikova of the Czech Republic and Carlos Alcaraz of Spain – and the transition back to that site is more concerning to some athletes than others.

"That'll definitely be interesting. But everyone's kind of doing it. We'll all be in the same boat," said Jessica Pegula. "I usually don't struggle too much with switching. And I like how the courts play there. It might be easier than some other places we play on clay. When the weather is warm in Paris, it plays pretty true. There's a good speed. There's not a lot to get used to."

For her, maybe.

"It's going to be the first time for me, going from grass to clay," said Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan, the 2022 Wimbledon champion and a semifinalist there this month. "It's not easy. Physically, it's not easy, (or) mentally."

One additional factor on some players' minds: There will be another brief turnaround after the Olympics to prepare for the move to the hard courts ahead of the U.S. Open, which starts in late August. That's less than a month after the medals are awarded in France.

"It's awful for the schedule," said Taylor Fritz, Pegula's teammate for the United States and someone who just reached the quarterfinals at the All England Club. "It makes absolutely no sense. It screws everything up, for sure."

Tennis becomes a different sport, in some key ways, depending on where it's being played.

"You have to adapt to it... It's going to be weird, obviously, going back on the clay quickly," said Cam Norrie, who will represent Britain at the Olympics, "but we're changing surface and changing variables all the time."

Clay is softer and slower, putting a premium on stamina. Grass is speedier and balls bounce lower. Hard courts tend to produce truer, midrange bounces and generally will reward those who go for point-ending shots. So someone like Iga Swiatek, who has won four of the past five French Opens, should feel comfortable and confident on clay, by far her best surface.

Then again, Alcaraz, whose title at Roland Garros this year made him, at 21, the youngest man to win a Major trophy on clay, hard and grass courts, had this to say about going from London to Paris: "It's not easy to change surfaces in just a week."

Nagal beats Ymer to sail into second round

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Sumit Nagal beat wild card entrant Elias Ymer 6-4, 6-3 in the first round of the €651,865 ATP tennis tournament on clay in Bastad, Sweden, on Tuesday.

In the second round, Nagal will face fourth seed Marino Navone of Argentina.

The results: First round: €651,865 ATP, Bastad, Sweden: Sumit Nagal bt Elias Ymer (Swe) 6-4, 6-3.
$41,000 Challenger, Astana, Kazakhstan: Ilia Simakin bt Siddharth Vishwakarma 3-6, 7-6(5), 7-5.
Doubles: Aleksandre Bakshi & Zura Tkemaladze (Geo) bt S.D. Prajwal Dev & Nitin Kumar Sinha 7-6(5), 6-7(6), [10-8].
$15,000 ITF men, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand: Thantub Suksumrarn (Tha) bt Adil Kalyanpur 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.
Doubles: Francis Alcantara (Phi) & Maximus Jones (Tha) bt Rishi Reddy & Dhakshineswar Suresh 7-6(4), 6-3; Adil Kalyanpur & Vishnu Vardhan bt Yamto Sueoka (Jpn) & Thantub Suksumrarn (Tha) 6-1, 6-4.
$100,000 ITF women, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain: Rutuja Bhosale & Yuliia Strodubtseva (Ukr) bt Nahia Berecoechea (Fra) & Anastasiia Gureva 6-4, 6-7(5), [10-6].
$15,000 ITF women, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand: Hikaru Sato (Jpn) bt Sonal Patil 6-4, 6-4.
Doubles: Pornnapat Hongjumradsin & Vichitraporn Vimuktananda (Tha) bt Vanshita Pathania & Bela Tamhankar 6-4, 6-2; Anja Nayar (Aus) & Pawinee Ruamrak (Tha) bt Priyanshi Bhandari & Laalitya Kalluri 4-6, 6-2, [10-5].
Monique Barry (Nzl) & Alicia Smith (Aus) bt Pooja Ingale & Sonal Patil 6-2, 6-0.
Laquisa Khan (Aus) & Sofiia Nagornaia (Isr) bt Humera Baharmus & Akanksha Nitture 3-6, 6-1, [10-5].
Kanako Osafune & Ayaka Ozeki (Jpn) bt Jemma Carbis (Aus) & Sameeksha Shroff 6-0, 6-4.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Akaash grabs the lead
Akaash Ashok Kumar grabbed the lead at the end of Round 1 of the State ranking tenpin bowling tournament at Amoeba Bowling Center. Akaash ended the day with a total pinfall of 1302, at an average of 217. Prathyek Satya (total pinfall 1220) and R. Kishan (total pinfall 1185) are second and third respectively.

Shanthi Nagar MLA Constituency advances
Shanthi Nagar MLA Constituency blanked Pulikeshi Nagar MLA Constituency 3-0 in the quarterfinals of the KSFA Chief Minister Cup football tournament.
The results: Quarterfinals: Shanthi Nagar MLA Constituency bt Pulikeshi Nagar MLA Constituency 3-0; Rajaji Nagar MLA Constituency bt Yelahanka MLA Constituency 4-2.

Nidhi does well
Nidhi (29 points) took Southern Blues past Vijayapura District in the State women's basketball league.
The results: Southern Blues 49 (Nidhi 29) bt Vijayapura District 46 (Sakshi 22); Mandya District 68 (Apoorva 22) bt Vivek's 26; JSC 42 (Sanjana 22, Aadhya 13) bt Yelahanka New Town 33 (Hamsa 15); Mounts Club 67 (Nilaaya 23, Nidhi 23) bt HBR 25 (Shreya 12). Beagles 44 (Sanjana 11, Chandana 11) bt Bharath 29 (Ritika 10); DYES Vidyanagar 39 (Deepika 14) bt Devanga Union 30 (Khwaish 16); Rajmahal 79 (Shreya 17, Aadhya 13, Nikitha 13) bt Kolar District 51 (Sowmya 23, Kaveri 12).

Koneru Humpy set to skip Chess Olympiad

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Humpy. FILE PHOTO

Former World Rapid chess champion, Koneru Humpy, has decided to skip Chess Olympiad to be held in Budapest (Hungary) in September this year as she feels that she cannot compete in back-to-back tournaments.

"I have opted out of the Olympiad because I am no longer in a position to play back-to-back tournaments and also the fact that I have already confirmed my entry into some of the major events," the 37-year-old Humpy informed *The Hindu* from Vijayawada on Tuesday.

"I will be taking part in the World Rapid and Blitz team championship in Kazakhstan from July 31 in which players from different countries will be in each team and also then in the Grand Prix Series in October in London," the World No.7 said.

The Chief Manager in the ONGC said her ultimate goal is to win the World championship and that she had been training really well towards that objective.

"My daughter Ahana is now in second standard and that means I can focus more on chess at home," said Humpy, who was a bronze medallist in the 2022 edition.

Javeed thrilled with his Wimbledon experience

Memorable stint: Javeed had his maiden outing as a linesman in the main draw. SPECIAL ARRANGMENT

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Carlos Alcaraz of Spain defended his Wimbledon crown with a complete demolition of Serbia's Novak Djokovic, a 24-time Grand Slam champion, a few days back.

Among the thousands who watched the match from close quarters was Syed Akram Javeed, an official from Chennai, making his maiden appearance in the main draw at the hallowed lawns of SW19.

This was his third visit to Wimbledon as a linesman but his earlier journeys were in qualifying rounds. "Qualifying and main draw are different in many ways. The qualifying is a four-day affair that happens in a different complex from where the main draw is played."

Explaining his emotions on officiating at Wimbledon, Javeed said: "It gives you goosebumps as it is the 'Mecca of Tennis'. It's a different feel altogether. Certainly, it's a jump-up [in my career]. I was nervous but happy that my hard work has borne fruition."

Veteran
Javeed is not new to officiating as he has been doing it since his college days. Having done lots of ITF tournaments across the globe and quite a few ATP Tour events in Hamburg and Rome, the 30-year-old was able to do a professional job and not unduly get emotional about his debut.

"I have been to 23 countries for officiating. Here at Wimbledon, it is a bit different as lots of eyes are on you and moreover you are working with senior officials who have been part of multiple Slam finals," said Javeed, who was among the 11 Indians at Wimbledon but the lone one from Tamil Nadu.

Javeed, who started officiating in 2012 in AITA tournaments, was also part of the operations team at the Chennai Open between 2012 and 2015. He earned his 'white badge' for umpires in 2017 before getting the 'bronze badge' – the first from TN – in February this year.

One of the few officials in India to take up umpiring full-time (since late 2022), Javeed says it's not an easy job. "It involves 30-35 weeks of travelling in a year. You get to miss family and friends," said Javeed.

In his 10th year as an international official, Javeed is happy that he is doing something he enjoys. "I want to do bigger tournaments as a chair umpire."

Paris Games will witness more Chinese swimmers being tested

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World Aquatics said on Monday it will increase the anti-doping tests carried out on Chinese swimmers competing at the upcoming Paris Olympic Games.

In April, the *New York Times* and German broadcaster ARD reported 23 Chinese swimmers had tested positive for trimetazidine (TMZ) at a domestic competition in 2021 – shortly before the Tokyo Olympics.

Chinese anti-doping authorities determined they had ingested the substance unwittingly from tainted food at their hotel and no action against them was warranted.

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accepted the argument of the Chinese authorities and did not sanction the swimmers, 11 of whom have been selected for the Paris Olympics.

The tests at the Games will be carried out by the International Test Agency (ITA).

"The ITA will use its best efforts to have all such tests of Chinese athletes conducted by a Sample Collection Authority other than CHINADA, and to have the samples analysed by laboratories outside of China," it added.

World Aquatics' review committee backed the global governing body's treatment of the incident.

"The Committee has not identified any irregularities, mismanagement or cover-up by FINA (now known as World Aquatics) in its review of the TMZ Case or in its decision not to appeal the CHINADA decisions in that case," it said.

281 and other feats that speak for special players

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Cricketers, like all athletes, have defining performances. The one that above all others reveals the essential style, the uniqueness, the essential person. These are often made in adverse conditions, against the run of play. Often they cause a captain to tell his dressing room, as Don Bradman did during an innings by Stan McCabe: "Come and watch this, you'll never see the likes of it again."

You can imagine skipper Sourav Ganguly saying something similar while V.V.S. Laxman was compiling 281 in Kolkata as India beat Australia after following on.

Not all defining innings led to victories. Sunil Gavaskar's 221 at the Oval left the match drawn, while Sachin Tendulkar's 136 in Chennai against Pakistan couldn't prevent defeat. Was that Tendulkar's best innings, or should that title go to his 143 against Australia in Sharjah, the so-called Desert storm in a One-Day International? Perhaps it was the 114 he made on a bouncy Perth track as a 19-year-old?

Not all such innings are centuries either. Gundappa Vishwanath's unbeaten 97 in the Chennai Test against the West Indies was more Vishy-like than even his double century against England.

It is not always remembered that India won Laxman's Test thanks as much to Harbhajan Singh's 13 wickets including India's first hat-trick. That must rate as the off-spinner's defining performance – just as Anil Kumble's 10 for 74 in Delhi in the second innings against Pakistan will remain his.

Defining performance
Although Kapil Dev once took nine wickets in a Test innings, his defining performance may be the unbeaten 175 he made against Zimbabwe in the 1983 World Cup? My favourite, however, was his 129 in Port Elizabeth on India's first tour of South Africa where he seemed to be playing at a different level from everybody else. The next highest score was 17.

The Kolkata Test also saw the quintessential Rahul Dravid – calm, supportive, classical – as he made 180 in a partnership with Laxman. Dependable, as a current commercial featuring him has it. There was a brief 'Indiranagar ka goonda' in one of his early Tests, at the Wanderers where he made 148 after showing fast bowler Allan Donald who was boss!

The statistician Anantha Narayanan wrote in a study recently that he calculates Ravichandran Ashwin will finish with 656 Test wickets, more than any other Indian.

Ashwin reinvents himself regularly, and his defining performance will probably come closer to the end when he has mastered all his variations and worked out his tricks.

I once wrote – my only excuse being I was young and raw – that Sunil Gavaskar's batting, like history, repeats itself. It was a silly thing to say, and I was taken to task by the sports editor. No two innings by any batter is exactly alike, and part of a reporter's job is to train himself to notice the differences.

Variety and surprise are keys to mastery
If Gavaskar hit a straight drive off every ball that was pitched up to him, or Virat Kohli played that unique on-drive suggestive of a tennis player's cross-court shot, cricket would be so much poorer. Variety and surprise are keys to mastery.

Every player is capable of one moment of greatness in a career, but the best players have many of them, and closer together.

After he had made 192 in Auckland where he dominated the New Zealand bowlers, Mohammad Azharuddin was asked which was his favourite stroke. "The one that goes exactly where I want it to," he answered. Virender Sehwag would agree.

His 195 at Melbourne where he perished attempting the six that would get him to his double, was probably that batter's defining innings. He shook the bowling by the scruff of the neck, hit 25 fours and five sixes and was out hitting a full toss to long on. He was a stranger to caution.

In his first Test as captain, Virat Kohli made two centuries, the second of which nearly took India to victory. In the end they fell short by 48 runs, but Kohli's aggressive approach as batter and captain captured the cricket world's imagination.

Especially since it all began with a knock on the helmet from a Mitchell Johnson express.

Will someone else have the same list? Unlikely. And that's part of the joy of sport.